

## JAPANESE CUT OFF FROM BASE IN NORTH HOPEI

Rebel Against Puppet Government in Suichow;  
Chinese Cross Fooho River; Advance  
Steadily in Canton Sector

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)  
CHUNGKING, Dec. 24.—In the northern part of Hopei Province Chinese troops have cut several points into the Peiping-Hankow railway. The area penetrated is the site of the Japanese garrison, which is now completely cut off from its base in Hankow. On December 20 in the region of Suichow, northwest of Hankow, a unit of 700 Chinese troops rebelled against the local Japanese puppet government. According to latest reports fighting is continuing between the Chinese rebels and Japanese troops.

## Xmas Day at Front Shows Troops' Desire For Peace

Soldiers Greet Holiday  
in Forts Below  
Ground

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY, ON THE WESTERN FRONT, Dec. 24 (UP).—A curtain-like fog tonight cast a Christmas Eve cloak of silence over the Western Front where men of three armies gathered around Christmas trees in deep underground forts, waiting for the day when they will be ordered to lunge at each other in battle.

The Christmas silence was broken only by the sporadic bark of guns in the Saarbrücken sector, as if to remind the world that nations are at war and that years may pass before there is peace on earth and good will among men.

A few patrols ventured out into the Meuse Valley No-Mans-Land near the Luxembourg frontier but most of the troops on both sides of the front remained in their fighting positions and rear-line bases, singing drinking songs and unwrapping packages from home.

The men tried to instill as much of the spirit of Christmas as possible among the surroundings of death and devastation to come.

For the first time in days even warplanes had disappeared from the sky over the Maginot and Siegfried lines—not because of Christmas but because of the pea-soup fog.

"Nothing important to report," said the French High Command's morning communiqué today.

(The German High Command twice reported: "Western Front quiet.") Only small units of men held the advance posts of the Maginot Line tonight and the others were inside the gun turrets and underground chambers of the fortified line or celebrating in tiny villages to the rear, all the way from the North Sea to Switzerland.

## 2 Little Girls Try to Beat Santa, Lose Out

ELIZABETH, N. J., Dec. 24 (UP).—Frances, 7, and Rose Marie Cotroneo, 5, knew that their parents had hidden mysterious packages in a clothes closet on the second floor of their home.

They were curious and impatient. Christmas was but a day away.

When their mother and father left the house the eager girls rushed to the closet and began to explore behind the dresses, coats and suits.

But it was dark and they could not see. They ran down to the kitchen, got matches and hurried back upstairs.

One of the girls lit a match and it ignited the clothing in the closet. When firemen arrived the closet and a bedrock were burned out and the roof and attic of the house were damaged. The toys also had been destroyed.

Ralph Cotroneo, father of the children, said that the toys could not be replaced.

Only the Christmas tree was left and that would have to do.

## Crashed Plane Sighted by Alaskan Searching Party

NULATO, Alaska, Dec. 24 (UP).—A searching party seeking the second airplane to be reported missing within a week somewhere in frozen Alaskan wastelands, reported today they had sighted from the air wreckage of the missing plane and believed its occupants dead.

## Gannes 'Fair' Hospital Says, Still in Pain

Harry Gannes' condition is fair, Jewish Hospital authorities in Brooklyn, reported last night.

The Daily Worker foreign editor still suffers severe pain, following his recent operation, though pneumonia symptoms have abated.

United States District Attorney John F. Cahill plans to prosecute him on a felony passport charge, when Gannes recovers.

## Lasso Rescues Barge Captain In Hudson

Dock Employe Pulls  
Drowning Man to  
Safety with Rope

Edward Wentworth, whose nickname is "Cowboy," 60-year-old steamship checker, lived up to his reputation yesterday when he made a lasso out of pieces of rope and tossed it around the neck of a drowning barge captain.

The captain, Charles Higgins, 48, was saved, and Wentworth, who lives at 41-52 77th St., Elmhurst, Queens, was acclaimed a hero.

The rescue was accomplished at 10 A.M., after Higgins slipped on an icy pier and fell into the Hudson River at the foot of Franklin St.

## 2 Women Burn To Death in New England Fire

BROOKLINE, Mass., Dec. 24.—Trapped on the upper floor of an apartment building here, two women were burned to death and at least a dozen other persons were rescued today when fire swept through the building.

The bodies of Mrs. Bertha Eastbrook, 70, and her daughter, Harriet W. Eastbrook, 38, were found by firemen in their third floor apartment.

## British Steamer Missing 2 Days in Stormy Waters

LONDON, Dec. 24 (UP).—The 2,211-ton channel steamer Isle of Sark, enroute from the Island of Jersey to Southampton, has been missing for two days. Since the weather has been stormy authorities hoped the vessel may have sought shelter in some unfrequented haven and had not been sunk.

## Spain Vets Meet Here, Ask Aid for Prisoners

12,000 Still in French  
Prisons; Robber War,  
Mannerheim Hit

By Art Shields

Free the International Brigades—12,000 in French concentration camps, others in Spain!

Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, who fought at Brunete, Teruel and the Ebro, closed their third annual convention at the Hotel Diplomat last night with a pledge that they would lend every effort to force the release of their imprisoned comrades in arms.

The veterans made this declaration after unanimously passing a resolution against the European imperialist war.

"We veterans state that this war is an Imperialist War," said the resolution. "We are opposed to it and we are more strongly opposed to the United States taking any part in it."

Greetings to the "heroic Finnish Government and its leader Kuusinen," with wishes for a "speedy victory," were sent in another resolution.

MANNERHEIM JAILED VET LEADER  
Kuusinen's speedy victory, veterans pointed out, will bring the release of their Finnish comrade Gunnar Ebb, commander of the "Mac-Paps," the McKenize Pappas Brigade. The Mannerheim clique gave Ebb ten years in prison when he came back to Finland.

"The State Department won't intervene for the imprisoned internationalists in France, the American people must," said David McKelvy White, national executive secretary yesterday afternoon.

"The first task of the new National Executive Committee will be to plan a detailed national campaign for aid to these internationalists and the 300,000 Spanish refugees in France," he declared.

White read a shocking letter from Adolph Berle, Assistant Secretary of State, refusing to intervene in behalf of the internationalists and the Spanish refugees.

"The Department appreciates your interest in the work of assisting Spanish refugees in France and the humanitarian motives, which have prompted you," wrote Berle, under date of December 22.

"I regret to say, however," continued the Assistant Secretary of State, "that it would not be possible for this government to make representations to the government of another country upon a matter of THIS KIND (our emphasis) unless American interests are directly involved. Any deviation from this policy, particularly UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES NOW PREVAILING (our emphasis), could not be other than prejudicial to our efforts to extend the fullest possible protection to American citizens and to legitimate American interests."

POLICIES EXPOSED  
"What an exposure of American foreign policies is revealed in this letter," said White, after reading it.

American interests are directly involved in the imprisonment of eight American ex-soldiers in Franco's own prison at Burgos, but State Department protests have not been vigorous enough to prevent five year prison sentences for these brave Yanks.

White read a letter from the wife of Luigi Gallo, second in command in the staff of the International Brigade, telling of the wretched conditions under which her husband is held. Gallo was arrested the day before the French army mobilized last August.

"They have shaved his head like a jailbird," said Mrs. Gallo, "and put him at heavy work like a convict. He is held behind barbed wire."

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## DEFENSE LEVY FOR C. P. RIGHTS ANNOUNCED

Special Assessment for Defense Fund Is  
Decided by National Committee;  
Foster Urges Prompt Payment

The attempt to imprison our beloved Comrade Browder on flimsy technical charges; the persecution of Weiner, Darcy, Schneiderman and Gannes; the hounding of other leaders and members of our Party; the constant harassment of the Party by the Government, not only makes it imperative that these attacks

ing legal expenses. The distribution of this assessment will be as follows:

Fifty per cent will remain in state for the purpose of meeting the legal defense expenses. The remainder shall be deposited by the National Committee in the defense fund of the Defense Committee for Civil Rights

for Communists, headed by Comrades Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and Robert Minor. This fund will be a joint fund of the national committee and the State Committee of New York.

Every Party member is called upon to place himself in good standing by taking out his assessment as soon as possible. Carrying through the assessment in record time will be an act of first rate political importance, demonstrating the unity and strength of the Party; our loyalty and love for the leaders of our Party and our class and our ability and determination to carry on our work in a disciplined manner no matter how difficult the circumstances.

Non-Communists should express their determination to defend civil rights and their sympathy and solidarity with the Communist Party by also purchasing the special assessment stamp or by making contributions directly to the Defense Fund.

Simultaneously with building the Defense Fund through the assessment and donations greater efforts are needed to finish the job of securing loans to establish a \$100,000 Bail Fund.

W. M. F. FOSTER,  
Chairman, National Committee,  
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Therefore it becomes clear that together with greater efforts to arouse and unite labor and the people to resist and defeat the war program of the bourgeoisie which is being carried forward by the Roosevelt administration we must also have the means to conduct an effective legal defense of the Party and its leadership and of those rights guaranteed to all Americans by the Bill of Rights and the Constitution. A defense fund of \$50,000 must be raised quickly. This is a burden that must be borne equally by all. To achieve this the National Committee is levying a Special Defense Assessment to the amount of \$1 or 50 cents. The proceeds of this assessment will be used only for the purpose of defray-

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## '1 ONLY SHOT 2 OR 3,' SAYS COAST DEPUTY

Finns Lose 1,000 Men In  
Clash With Red Army

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

LENINGRAD, Dec. 24.—Clashes of reconnoitering units on the Karelian Isthmus front today resulted in the death of nearly one thousand Finnish troops. Soviet forces captured thirty-five prisoners, four of them officers.

The official communiqué of the Headquarters of the Leningrad Military Area stated as follows:

"Nothing of importance took place on the front on December 24 excepting serious clashes between reconnoitering units on the Karelian Isthmus with the result that Finnish troops left on the field 971 killed while Soviet troops took thirty-five prisoners, including four officers."

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Dec. 24.—Sixteen enemy planes were brought down in air combats, it was announced today in a communiqué issued from the Leningrad military headquarters. The communiqué said no fighting of importance took place on the front during December 23.

## Drive to Crush British, French Labor Exposed Crisis Coming in Gov't Efforts to 'Nazify' Trade Unions

Faced with the increasing struggles of labor against the war, the imperialist governments of Chamberlain and Daladier are conspiring to "Nazify" completely the trade union movement in their countries, according to The Week, authoritative London news letter, just released.

"The scenes of the Government and the Industrial Council and of the Trade Union Congress, both vital parts of the war machine, a semi-secret battle is raging and moving towards a sort of preliminary climax this week," The Week stated.

"An impending industrial crisis, which nobody has any clear notion how to handle, overshadows the meeting of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress."

"It is a meeting of momentous importance with issues under discussion at least as important for the development of the British war machine and the course of the war as any that has been before the Inter-Allied War Council."

"In other words, though the somewhat stark facts are by no means admitted in the general press, the first real crisis of the British war machine is already under way," the letter continued.

"On the one hand, it is certainly the opinion of the Government and its advisers—reflected throughout the pro-Government press—that a move to limit the wages and actually to prevent wages rising in union with the rising cost of living is a necessity for the war; and the review of M. Reynaud (French government official—Ed.) that the company economy of the Allies must be Nazified if military defeat is to be avoided, is more and more widely and openly echoed in Whitehall."

"On the other hand, the Trades Union leaders who have been 'co-operating' with the government—and on the political side the Labour Party advocates of the political truth—are for the first occasion in the war faced with the real consequences of their own decisions."

The Week points out that the hard-won wage increases which have been achieved by the British trade unions since the war began, have already inspired the French

that glorifies the Confederate rebellion and casts longing eyes upon the days when Negroes were chattel slaves. What a logical development for Rushmore! One day, white chauvinist, next day, war-monger and pen peddler for Hearst.

"Negro and white workers everywhere will applaud the firm policy of the Daily Worker in cleansing itself of the renegade Rushmore."

Waterfront Section, Communist Party.

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## EXTRA Chile Warns Nations on War Involvement

Says Taking Sides Against  
Involved Nations Will  
Bring Retaliation

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 24 (UP).—The newspaper El Mercurio today questioned the advisability of continuing the present system of Pan-American cooperation and said it would tend to lead the American nations into war.

In commenting on the proposed plan of the 21 American republics to invoke sanctions on violators of the declaration of Panama, the newspaper said refusal to furnish oil, food and other supplies to the violators would lead to incidents.

It was pointed out that such action would also lead to economic reprisals if British or French warships were affected by the sanctions.

Mines Laid on  
English Coast,  
Ships Warned

Admiralty Announces  
'Formidable Barrage'  
in Sudden Move

LONDON, Dec. 24 (UP).—The Admiralty issued a warning and notification to all shipping today that a "most formidable" barrage of mines had been laid along the entire east coasts of Scotland and England.

The announcement came with startling suddenness in the wake of yesterday's official warning that the mines would be laid without further notice.

The British mines were planted from a point northeast of Aberdeen, Scotland, southward to a point off the Thames River estuary, it was announced.

The Admiralty outlined three mine-infested zones wherein shipping could be continued only at the shipper's "peril." The move also was designed to facilitate British control over all commerce passing through the English Channel to the North Sea.

The zones were:

1.—An area roughly extending 150 miles to sea northeast of Aberdeen southward to Newcastle, protecting the entire Scottish east coast.

2.—South from Newcastle to the Wash, a North Sea inlet, protecting Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and the Wash.

3.—South from the Wash to the Frisian Islands and thence to the Thames estuary.

The Admiralty advised vessels approaching England to proceed for orders to the control base at the Downs, warning that passage was "dangerous." Vessels disobeying, it was said, will do so "at their own risk."

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## LaFollette Probers Hear Savage Story of Vigilante Terror

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.

—The LaFollette Senate Civil Liberties Committee meeting here learned what Associated Farmers law means when agricultural unionists are on strike.

While Senator Robert M. LaFollette, chairman, followed every word closely, witnesses told of peaceful picket lines at Marysville being assaulted by armed men, of leaders arrested and others beaten up, given "beatings."

The Senator heard two men—Ralph Newcomb, Earl Fruit Company official, and Deputy Sheriff Bill Wilcoxon of Yuba county—openly accused of the violent acts.

THEY ADMIT IT  
And then he heard the men virtually admit under oath that they had committed them!

The crowd that jammed into the committee's courtroom in the Post Office building here was even larger than that of preceding days of the committee's investigation into Associated Farmers violations of civil liberties.

First on the stand was cocky, curly-haired Joseph Heenan, district attorney of Yuba county. The man who prosecuted the Marysville strikers, he almost barked his testimony at Senator LaFollette.

Heenan was followed on the stand by Sheriff Charles McCoy of Yuba county. Both gave their version of the incidents on July 21 and 22 this year when pickets were beaten and arrested.

SHERIFF TELLS STORY  
Sheriff McCoy claimed that two scabs trying to go through the line to the struck Earl Fruit Company were knocked down by pickets.

"I knew right then that peaceful picketing had stopped," the sheriff testified, "like some huge load. I told Wilcoxon to pick 'em up and everybody else on a picket line."

Then from a red-headed kid in overalls, W. M. Marvin, who once had his own business in Marysville, the Civil Liberties Committee got his first testimony as to how Wilcoxon acted.

PICKET TELLS STORY  
Marvin, a member of the CIO United Cannery, Agriculture, Packing and Allied Workers of America, said he arrived on the picket line on the morning of July 21.

"Did you see any of the pickets carrying weapons? I mean rocks, clubs, anything that could be called a weapon?" asked Senator LaFollette.

"Absolutely not," was Marvin's unhesitating answer.

Marvin explained how the pickets had flagged cars of scabs going into the ranch, asked them to stay out, then he said:

WORKER SLUGGED  
"Newcomb got out of his coupe and started loading an automatic shotgun full of shells. He came down the highway to the picket line and Wilcoxon was right behind him with a blackjack."

Graphically, Marvin told how Newcomb told the pickets to drop their placards, then "he stuck the shotgun in my stomach and told me to drop my sign or he would kill me."

"I did and then Wilcoxon came up behind me and hit me with a blackjack. I fell down and he said get up or I will beat you to death."

Dan Hamilton, a 60-year-old picket, refused to drop his sign, according to Marvin. So Newcomb beat the aged man with his shotgun and Wilcoxon "whipped him over the head seven or eight times" with the blackjack. Finally, Wil-

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## USSR Votes For Tested Candidates

Secret Balloting for Local Soviets Puts Complete Power in Hands of People to Choose Candidates for Fuller Life

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Dec. 24.—Today the working people of the USSR will go to the polls to elect by direct equal and universal suffrage through the secret ballot, deputies to the local Soviets of working people.

The election of local Soviets will complete the reorganization of all organs of the state power in the USSR from top to bottom, as laid down by the Stalinist Constitution. The people, already accustomed to being the judge of elections and candidates will ask: What is the platform of the candidates of that bloc of Communists and non-party people which has operated successfully during elections of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR and of the Supreme Soviets of the Soviet republics?

This election platform of Soviet candidates to the post of deputy differs radically from the platforms which operate during elections in capitalist countries. Above all, this platform is not a promise, but a reality. Such a platform can not be forgotten on the day following elections as is the case in so-called democratic countries.

Why? Because for over two decades this platform has steadily been fulfilled in the Soviet Union. Every elector can formulate its basic points.

The elector votes for the USSR to continue its future and also to be a powerful cultured and free Socialist state. He votes for a system under which there is no exploitation or unemployment, a system under which everybody can be cer-

## Germany Calling Marooned Ships Home, French Say

PARIS, Dec. 24 (UP).—Official French sources said tonight that the masters of between 400 and 500 German merchant ships marooned in foreign ports by the war had been ordered to try to slip back to Germany and to settle their vessels on the dash for home rather than submit to capture by the Allied navies.

Allied naval forces, which captured up to Dec. 4, 735,000 tons of merchandise destined for Germany, have been ordered to redouble their guard against German merchant ships, it was understood, in order to frustrate Hitler's attempt to get them home.

The German ships abroad at the start of the war totalled about 1,800,000 tons, according to French statistics. Of these, about a score have since been scuttled by their crews to avoid capture. French officials said the tonnage scuttled was around 157,000 tons.

In addition, it was stated, 27 German ships have been captured by the Allied navies and taken into port. Their cargoes included raw materials, food, rubber, pyrite, leather, grains and a huge amount of gasoline.

## Midwest Finns Show Interest in Peoples Gov't

Federation Leader, Ending Tour, Reports Well Attended Rallies

Returning from a three weeks' tour of the Minnesota-Michigan area, with stop-overs at Chicago and Cleveland, the national chairman of the Finnish Workers Federation, Carl Paivio, reports the greatest interest shown by Finnish workers and farmers in the Federation's stand on the Finnish-Soviet conflict, particularly in the formation of the new Terijoki Finnish People's Republic.

Last week the Federation issued a declaration in support of the progressive government.

"Good sized crowds would come to attend the meetings where I spoke," Mr. Paivio said, "in spite of the disruption caused by Finn chauvinists who were spurred on by business interests."

He recalled company-dominated mining towns in Minnesota. The companies threatened to disemploy any workers who disagreed with their implacable anti-Soviet attitude. Company agents and Finn businessmen combined to urge violence against the meetings.

## HAVE TRADITION OF 1918

"However, I am glad to state that a great number of Finn workers and farmers did not allow themselves to be bull-dozed by these people, and attended the meetings. The Finns of this area have memorable traditions from the Finnish Civil War of 1918 and a tradition of economic struggles against the companies in the areas where they have settled. They have always had to fight the same people who today fight them on this matter. They stood by and protected the meetings and defeated all attempts to suppress them."

Many Finnish workers and farmers who have not been politically or socially active for years, have become energetic once more because of this tremendous new development in Finland. They are out actively fighting for freedom of the workers, of Finland and this country as well.

"Regarding our Midwest daily organ, the 'Työmies,' Paivio continued, "it is gaining in circulation at an accelerated rate; subscriptions are flowing in and hand-to-hand reading has jumped to an amazing degree. This is a clear sign that our paper is the Finnish language paper in the entire Midwest that speaks the truth."

## Germany Protests on Spee Crew Internment

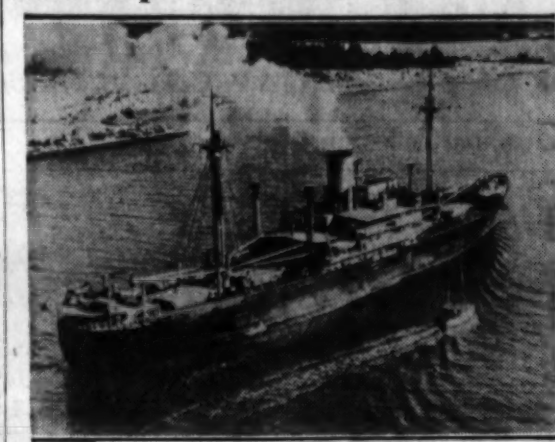
BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 24 (UP).—Germany's formal protest against internment of the crew of the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee was delivered to the Foreign Office today.

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## Nazi Ship in U. S. Harbor



Here is the German freighter Arauca, top, and the British cruiser which drove it into Fort Lauderdale, Fla., after sending a shot across the bow. U. S. officials were to study possible violation of the American neutrality zone.

## Rich Garden Won From Sea in Soviet Union

(By Cable to the Sunday Worker)

MOSCOW, Dec. 24.—Even the ancient Greeks at the heyday of their glory admired the richness of the Colchida lowlands on the Black Sea, in what is now Soviet Georgia.

What would they say if they could see its present transformation? For the socialist system is reclaiming the land from the sea and the swamps by dikes, canals and other modern improvements.

Almost 20,000 acres reclaimed by the Agriculture Commissariat are already growing oranges and other sub-tropical plants. By 1942 this figure will have risen to about 100,000 acres, and about 500,000 acres will be reclaimed when the project is completed.

## Head of Mongolian Gov't Hails Stalin on Birthday

Choibaksan Cites Aid of Soviet Union in the Development of a Happier Life for the Mongolian People

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Dec. 24.—Pravda today published greetings from the head of the Mongolian Peoples Republic, Choibaksan, to Stalin on his 60th birthday. The message follows: "Together with advanced and progressive mankind the significant date of your birth is also celebrated by our Mongolian people, who thanks to your unremitting solicitude and attention have achieved big successes in rising to a higher level and in developing their economy and their culture and also in uprooting their internal and external enemies, in this way strengthening the independent existence of the Mongolian Peoples Republic."

"Your constant fatherly concern for the Mongolian people inspires and encourages them to newer victories along the path of further revolutionary development in our country. On behalf of the Mongolian people, I wish you, Comrade Stalin, many years of fruitful work toward the well-being and joy of oppressed mankind throughout the world. May you live and prosper for many years to the fear of the enemies of advanced mankind and to the great joy of the working people."

## Weigh Mexican Excess Profits Tax

MEXICO CITY, D. F., Dec. 24 (UP).—The Mexican Senate began deliberations today on an administration-sponsored excess profits tax bill designed to provide an annual revenue of 20,000,000 pesos.

The measure cleared the Lower House on Thursday and political observers were convinced that it will be approved by the Senate in short order.

## Several Ships Lost

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Dec. 24 (UP).—Several ships, including one unidentified British one, were reported sunk today in a storm so violent that it forced suspension of navigation in the Black Sea and the Sea of Marmora.

## Soviet Uzbekistan Marks 15th Anniversary

Pravda Hails Eastern Republic's History of Progress

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Dec. 24.—Pravda today hailed the 15th anniversary of the foundation of the Uzbek Soviet Republic and the decision of the Soviet Government and the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union on steps to extend cotton cultivation in Uzbekistan.

"Fifteen years ago the Uzbek Soviet Socialist Republic was formed," Pravda wrote editorially. "This act was one of the greatest significance for the whole East."

"As far back as November, 1919, Lenin, addressing the Communists of Turkestan, wrote that the establishment of the proper relations with the peoples of Turkestan was of such importance for the 'Russian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic that it could be said without exaggeration that it was of a gigantic, world-wide historical nature."

"He stated that for the whole of Asia and for all the colonies of the world, for the billions, the attitude of the Soviet Workers' and Peasants' Republic towards the weak, previously oppressed peoples would be of practical significance."

"In the period of the establishment of the Uzbek S.S.R. Stalin emphasized that this republic could become a powerful force in the East only in the event that the conditions of the dekhans (peasants) were radically improved and that the small tenants were released from the yoke of the boys."

## BUILT INDUSTRY

"Before the October Revolution, Uzbekistan practically had no industry of its own. In 1932, the gross output of industry in the Uzbek S.S.R. had already reached 634,000,000 rubles and in 1939 was almost 2,000,000,000 rubles. In 15 years of its existence, the Uzbek S.S.R. budget increased 44 times."

"Uzbekistan is the main cotton base of the Soviet Union. It produces nearly 60 per cent of the cotton yield of the U.S.S.R. While in 1932, only 8,000,000 metric centners of raw cotton were gathered, in 1939 the cotton crop reached 15,000,000 centners."

"The cotton growers of Uzbekistan won first place in the world in cotton yield. They picked almost three times as much cotton per acre as in America, British India, Brazil or Turkey."

"This became possible only under the socialist system of economy. The collective farms and state farms which own 99.8 per cent of the sown area of the Republic have, at their disposal machinery worth 321,000 horsepower. The money income per collective farm household increased from 529 rubles to 3,060 rubles. Almost 600 collective farms of the republic have become 'millionaire' collective farms."

## 1,000,000 PUPILS

"Along with the growth of the material well-being of the Uzbek people there has also been a corresponding improvement in their

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Besides setting up no really-workable system for medical attention in case there actually when turned out to be no air raids (ignoring completely the advice of those who had experienced in Spain), when they turned out to be no immediate casualty list, the government decided it could dispense with the services of most of the medicals, or perhaps retain a few on a part-time basis, with corresponding cut in wages.

As is inevitable in time of war, prices have been rising steeply. According to government cost-of-living figures, based on the 1904 index, there has been a rise of 10 per cent. Actually, food, which is acknowledged by all in the field to constitute about 60 per cent of the expenses of a working class family has gone up at least 25 per cent, and warm clothing has not lagged far behind.

Consequently, there has been a growing demand on the part of the workers for higher wages. Already, there have been several strikes, some successful, but none on a large scale or in a basic industry. Incredibly enough, there have been wage cuts in some industries, particularly in the white collar field; shop assistants, etc.

Other attacks upon the working class have taken the form of lengthening hours, ignoring trade union standards, giving excessive overtime (and not paying well for

## Mexico Bank Pulls Phony Bus 'Strike'

C.T.M. Blasts Tieup in Mexico City as Provoked by Fascist Bank; 24 Hurt as Gangsters Terrorize City

By Alfred Miller

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24.—Tuesday's "strike" of bus drivers, which for more than three hours completely paralyzed all traffic of this capital and resulted in 24 workers being seriously hurt, was denounced as a political maneuver against the Cardenas Administration by the Confederation of Mexican Workers (CTM) the very next day.

The Transport Bank, a private institution indirectly controlling the Alliance of Autobus Workers, is responsible for the outrages committed during the more than three hour stoppage of traffic, the C. T. M. declared.

At 12 o'clock the principal thoroughfares of the city were blocked with buses and armed gangsters forced bus and street-car drivers to leave their vehicles, quickly extending the paralysis of all transports, including private cars, to the city suburbs.

While many thousands of office workers were on the streets unable to reach their homes for the lunch period, agents of the Almanac Election Committee, Sinarquistas (special brand of Mexican fascist) and elements belonging to the so-called Revolutionary Anti-Communist Party, were busy spreading propaganda against the Cardenas regime.

"A new mass popular movement of the collective farms, brigades and collective farm Stakhanovites has developed which is aspiring to attain a cotton harvest of 50-100 and more centners per hectare."

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"The fulfillment of this most important task will lead to new, more rapid growth of the prosperity of the collective farmers and the entire Uzbek people, to a further flowering of all fields of their material and intellectual culture."

"A great plan has been drawn up for irrigation canal construction, for farm technique and mechanization, for training specialists in agriculture."

Officially protesting against the use of its name during the general stoppage, the C. T. M. National Committee stated that it had no responsibility whatsoever in the matter.

Responsibility for the stoppage and the accompanying outrages rests upon the Banco de Transportes which is fighting to retain its monopolist control of transportation in this city, C. T. M. representatives in the Chamber of Deputies declared.

Members of the "18th of March" Cooperative Society of Auto Transportation, a cooperative organization of bus drivers supported by the government, was attacked several times, yesterday. Most of the 24 wounded men were the results of these clashes.

More than 100 arrests were made by the police. An official investigation has been promised.

## Youth a Suicide

A young man was found dead with a bullet wound in his back, in a \$10 a day room in the exclusive Waldorf Astoria Hotel yesterday.

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## A Letter From England on Wartime Life

# Worker Describes Increased Hardships Under Chamberlain's Blackout; Communist Party Gaining Ground Rapidly

Vivid description of the effects of Britain's imperialist war upon the life of the English people is given in a letter received by a reader of the Daily Worker from an English friend.

We print this letter below:

London.

Dear

My wife and I have been busy full-time keeping up with each new issue of official regulations. First it was the ARP, and we conscientiously covered up the windows with dark paper shades (I made them myself!) and stuffed up all the crevices with curtains, and nonetheless got bawled out every night by the warden on our block.

Now that several months have passed with no real raid, we are no longer troubled. Then came fuel rationing, and we promptly agreed up with our coal merchant, wherefore we shall now be permitted to buy up to two tons. After that, the National Register; name, age, sex, and occupation, and a neat little identity card to prove we exist.

The latest, however, are our food ration books which just arrived this week by mail. We are threatened by our dear Minister of Food with the imposition of rationing of butter and bacon, one quarter pound per person per week, by the middle of next month, and asked to use no more than one pound of sugar apiece each week without rationing.

Life in London goes on. Some uniforms on the streets, the worst of which are the female of the

species. Sandbags are beginning to burst and rot.

At least half of the people have stopped carrying their gas masks, and those who continue have all procured substitutes from the original cardboard cases. Barrage balloons are less frequent in the sky than in September: one elderly woman reported to have told her doctor: "The Germans can't scare us, sitting up there in their balloons all day." But Sir Samuel Hoare assures us not to be despondent; our worst fears will yet be realized.

Armistice Day. Tremendous sale of poppies for Lord Haig's fund for something or other. And the two minute silence at the Cenotaph was broken by a woman screaming: "Hypocrites!"

The most important fact about England today is the strength and force of the anti-war movement. The Communist Party has enunciated a clear and uncompromising program of struggle against what they term another imperialist war.

The anti-war policy published in the Daily Worker in the first days of October was discussed exhaustively by District Committees, Section Committees, Branches and public meetings throughout the country, and in every case adopted by an overwhelming majority of those present, if not unanimously.

From the New York papers we see (two or three weeks late) you are being told that the whole of England is united behind the

war, except of course for those few followers of Sir Oswald Mosley. And it's quite true that the official organs of the working class movement, the Parliamentary Labour Party and the Trades Union Congress have thrown themselves wholeheartedly behind the Chamberlain government.

But it also happens to be true that the Scottish Railwaymen, the Lanarkshire miners (and there are thousands of both) the Trades Union Councils and the local Labour Party organizations of both Glasgow (population 1,200,000) and Edinburgh (about 500,000) together with dozens of other trade union locals, local Labour parties, co-op organizations, delegates conferences all over the country have passed resolutions calling this an imperialist war, demanding an immediate peace and settlement by negotiation, calling on the Trade Union leadership to stop cooperating with the government and start leading the fight for higher wages to meet the increased cost of living, and calling upon the Labour Party to end the political truce.

These people are for peace, they are clear and articulate, their ranks are increasing daily, and their resolutions are printed nowhere but in the Daily Worker and that means not in the official Labour Party sheet, the Daily Herald.

After several weeks of newspapers so full of anti-Soviet materials of one sort or another that

an impartial observer might well have gotten the impression that this country was at war not with Germany but with Russia, it is highly significant that 5,000 people in London alone showed up in spite of black-out at a meeting in celebration of the 22nd Anniversary of the October revolution, and more were turned away at the doors (they had to hold two meetings at once since tickets for the first hall were sold out a week ahead of time).

Of course, there is good and sufficient reason for the development of popular thought along the lines just indicated and that reason is to be found in the vicious bureaucratic semi-fascist conduct of this "war against Hitlerism."

Evacuation of school children and younger children with their mothers has been so successful that in London alone half of the children with their mothers have returned to the city, and this says nothing about all those who never left. In some cities, only about 15 per cent were ever evacuated.

The practice of billeting the kids on private country households has turned out fine in several isolated cases.

The working class families who have received evacuees find it impossible properly to feed and take care of them on the government allowance of 8 shillings and sixpence a week (about \$2), while the working class mothers and fathers find it impossible to send extra money for war, winter

clothes, toothpaste, or other extra expenses, let alone contributing the 6 shillings toward the keeping of each child which has just been levied by the Ministry of Health.

The young mothers who have been evacuated have, in addition to these financial problems which are aggravated by the fact that the husband left alone in town must keep house for himself on an extremely limited allowance, the social difficulties of being thrust into a strange and altogether new type of community.

Another big source of discontent is travel expenses, which make it almost prohibitive for parents to visit children or husbands to visit wives, and in this latter case it often happens (and this too is a real social problem) that the couple have no facilities for privacy in the place where the wife is billeted.

In the meantime, the education of the nation's youth has been brought to an almost complete standstill. In the country, although children were evacuated by schools with their teachers, schools and classes have been scattered about so that it has been well nigh impossible to organize regular instruction. What there is, is carried on in shifts, the local students in one, the evacuees in another.

For the children who remained in or returned to the city, Lord De La Warr, president of the Board of Education, has finally stated that after two and half months of absolute refusal to re-

open schools in evacuation areas, the government will consider opening some which have not been taken over for war work, auxiliary fire stations, etc.

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## NMU Auxiliary to Bring Xmas to Members in Jail

Prisoners Were Active During Strike—Dinner To Be Served at Union Headquarters for Men Today

The Women's Auxiliary of the National Maritime Union is bringing Christmas to 37 union members in prison, 385 in hospitals, and hundreds who are unemployed, Miss Frances Bryant, Stewardess Organizer and Auxiliary President, announced yesterday. Christmas boxes have been sent to the prisoners and hospital patients.

## People Want Peace, Jobs for Xmas Gifts

Average Americans Tell Daily Worker of Problems Facing Them

(Continued from Page 1)

talk to you. Some things you say are pretty good too—about staying out of war, for example."

The Daily Worker reporter then interviewed a middle-aged mother who lived in a cold flat on 20th St. between 8th and 9th Aves. She was a native-born American. When she answered the doorbell and learned who it was, she was surprised. "I didn't know the Communists paid any attention to Christmas," she said.

Her husband and son were not in. Her husband was a machinist when he was working, but they were on relief now. It wasn't much of a Christmas they were having—the same thing as every other day. She had a son, Jimmy, who is going to be 18 years old soon. She stopped and didn't say anything after she said this.

"Do you think that the U. S. will stay out of this war?" "I hope so," she answered. "My brother was 19 in 1917. He was killed in France in 1918. He was just like Jimmy is now."

Did she think the charges against Earl Browder were just?

**SUPPORTS BROWDER**

"If the Communists are against war, then he should go free. I'm for free speech for anyone who is against war," she said. "War is a terrible thing."

She didn't want her name used because her husband wasn't home and she wanted to ask him first.

Mr. Fine, the owner of a small candy store, told the Daily Worker: "The main thing is the unemployed. If you give them jobs, there's prosperity. If you don't, everybody, except a few, is poor."

A Negro who worked as a janitor's helper, said:

"My people didn't get a damn thing out of the last war. We're against this one too."

War, poverty, insecurity and oppression haunt the American people. But Christmas 1939 finds the desire for peace on earth, jobs, security and civil liberty strong in the hearts of the common people.

## Graf Spee Fire Put Out After Burning a Week

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Dec. 24 (UP).—Fire that blazed aboard the scuttled German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee for a week was extinguished today.

Uruguayan maritime authorities, maintaining a constant vigil on the ship said there were no signs of smoke from the vessel at 7:30 A. M.

The steadily rising waters of the River Plate estuary, and a sudden, strong change of wind apparently extinguished the last small blazes.

The pocket battleship was blown up by its crew last Sunday, after it had been ordered from its sanctuary in Montevideo Harbor, whence it had been chased by three British warships after a battle off the coast.

## Realty Barons Fight Rural Home Project

Maryland Landlords Stage Attack on U. S. Housing Plans

ROCKVILLE, Md., Dec. 24 (PP).—Using the Montgomery County Farm Bureau as a front, real estate interests in Montgomery county are waging bitter warfare against the U. S. Housing Authority's first project for rural workers.

Basis of their attack is that public housing is "communistic and un-American."

The farm bureau is arranging carefully packed meetings throughout the county to prove that the government housing program is opposed by more than the handful of land sharks who represent the real opposition. Small farmers, heretofore enthusiastic about the plans for decent dwellings for tenants now housed in dilapidated shacks, have been forced by their more powerful neighbors to keep quiet.

At Colesville a speaker made the usual charges about Communism and un-Americanism in the housing project. Up jumped an over-all farmer to demand the floor.

"I want to know why you call it Communistic for the government to build houses when it isn't Communistic for the government to build schools," he asked. There was no answer.

A resolution condemning the housing program was passed at the Colesville meeting. Only one-fourth of the audience voted. The rest refused to participate.

**PROFIT IN SHORTAGE**

Landlords in Montgomery county have been enriched for years because of a shortage of dwellings. They have extorted handsome rentals for hovels long ripe for the wrecker's axe.

Even so, the landlords have not been satisfied. They have extended their system of legalized robbery still further. During harvesting season, when laborers are paid about 30 cents an hour, the landlords demand that their tenants work for them for as little as \$1 a day. Whatever wages the tenant earns are charged against rent.

The landlord has one club to enforce compliance with the \$1 wage scale. If the tenant doesn't like it, he can get out. And once the tenant is evicted, there is no other place for him to live—thanks to the housing shortage.

In Montgomery county, it will be remembered, the wives of the tenants do their washing on Tuesday. They have to, because it takes all day Monday to haul enough water from the village pump.

**But No Peace**

PARIS, Dec. 24 (UP).—Premier Eduard Daladier broadcast a Christmas message tonight.

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DETROIT, Dec. 24.—Hugo Beiswenger, in charge of the Daily Worker Fund Drive in Michigan, today announced that in answer to the appeal of the "Daily" for funds, Detroit was rushing through a check for \$300 which will bring its quota up to \$700 raised since November 16th.

The drive, said Beiswenger, "is now well under way—Section 2, where most of the Chrysler workers are, came through with \$147 in the last three weeks, despite the fact that they were on strike eight

weeks and still have not gotten a full week's pay."

Ford workers have raised a goodly sum and the campaign for the "Daily" in Hamtramck is in full swing with George Krysiak, popular Party leader, announcing that Hamtramck was turning in a check of \$115.

Section five, the largest Detroit Section, today turned in \$211 to Beiswenger when the District office of the Daily Worker called for a special week-end drive to meet the "Daily's" request for funds.

## State Leaders Thank Party Membership for Xmas Gifts

We have received many Christmas gifts of a day's pay and want to publicly express our heartfelt thanks. We want also to thank all who have worked so hard and made so many sacrifices for the fund drive.

We feel that behind the gifts we have received is the profound desire for "peace on earth" and the recognition that only the Communist Party leads the fight for peace.

It is a fact that the most beloved of Christmas sentiments is repudiated by all other political parties. It is on the "subversive" list of the warmongers. Its new significance is viewed with horror by the imperialist bourgeoisie of all countries.

Hence, when Earl Browder denounced imperialist war, he was arrested and indicted by the Department of Justice. He was prevented from broadcasting his appeals for peace over the air. The doors of many universities were closed to him. He was vilified from press and platform.

But our struggle against the imperialist war goes on. Increasingly, the people of America will rally around us as the only Party that champions the most fundamental need of mankind, the escape from imperialist war into Socialist peace.

This is grave responsibility. To meet its demands, to fulfill our historic role effectively, we must be able to bring our message to millions of people—now. This requires money, more than we have available. It is estimated that we need \$50,000 in the next two weeks to place the all-important Daily Worker on a sound financial basis, to pay for over one million folders, and pamphlets that have just come off the press, to strengthen our organizational apparatus, without which, much that we gain through excellent political work, would be lost.

Starting today, let us bend every effort to complete our campaign for \$50,000. Set aside a moment at the table, at the theatre, at the dance, at the shop, factory, office to help bring about "peace on earth" by strengthening the Communist Party.

Israel Amter, Chairman  
Charles Kramelnik, Secretary.

**What Chamberlain Is Fighting for**

SANDRINGHAM, Norfolk, Eng., Dec. 24 (UP).—King George and Queen Elizabeth and the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose are spending Christmas alone at the King's country seat because the war has disrupted the Royal family's traditional get-together.

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## Detroit 'Industrial Peace Council' Is Backed by Tories

'100 Business Men' Who Back Fight Against CIO Auto Workers Are Cross Section of City's Outstanding Reactionaries

DETROIT, Dec. 24.—Now it can be told—the list of sponsors of the "Detroit Council for Industrial Peace" which was used so extensively by the Chrysler Corporation in an effort to break the seven week strike of 55,000 Chrysler workers, is now known and the "100 business men" who form this vigilante group makes interesting reading.

It is composed of the most reactionary small manufacturers in Detroit, with of course, not a mention of Chrysler, Ford, or General Motors men being on it. But when one looks over the list one can see small manufacturers that are part and parcel of the Big Three, tied to them through contracts and orders.

Heading the list is Percy Wright, sponsor of the "American Plan" some years ago in Detroit, a plan aimed at preventing unionism coming to Detroit and having as its main slogan "Keep the open shop in Detroit, its America."

Percy Wright is the "works" he is manager, treasurer, etc. and all the other boys make up the list of fronts.

There is Edgar B. Cooper, most vicious enemy of the A. F. of L. Building Trades; George M. Pink, of Great Lakes Steel, whose struggles against the Steel Workers Organizing Committee of the CIO is one of the blackest pages in Detroit's history.

The Ford men on the committee are Oscar Webber of the huge Hudson Department Store (a store that refuse to hire Jews). The connection of Ford here is that Edsel Ford, son of Henry, is married to one of the Hudson girls. Other Ford men are George W. Kennedy of the Kelsey Hayes Wheel Company, a man who jumps when Harry Bennett cracks the whip.

Then there is Frank Janussek, publisher of the reactionary Polish Daily News, strong supporter of the "Polish Government" of British and France imperialism.

A more complete list of anti-union employers could not have been found if one had searched Detroit for a year, everyone of them has resisted unionism in some form. They are weekly running ads in the three Detroit papers, costing \$1,400, showing a picture of a wife talking to her husband and saying "you know John, that the

union never did you any good." Then the ad tearfully explains how much wages the union "lost the workers."

Both the A. F. of L. and the CIO are pointing out through their union papers that this Detroit Council for Industrial Peace is an attempt by the Chamber of Commerce and the big corporations to recommence an open shop drive in Detroit. Also contained in the program of this Detroit Council for Industrial Peace is a program that is identical with that of the National Association of Manufacturers recently adopted at their last meeting.

It calls for defeating the Wagner Act, curbing unions through new laws passed by State Legislatures, fighting "subversive" activities, support to Martin Dies and for a new appropriation for Dies witch-hunting.

Significantly the Detroit Chamber of Commerce which maintained a "industrial department" under the charges of Louis "Bumby Bumby" Flint, has disbanded it and is throwing its whole support to the "Detroit Council for Industrial Peace."

Organized labor and the Civil Rights Federation who heading the campaign to defend the Wagner Act and the Civil Rights in Detroit are planning a huge mass rally probably, in the Olympia next month, to get all Detroit Congressmen on record in support of the Wagner Act.

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# Attacks on Labor, Civil Rights Increased in 1939, Survey Shows

## I. L. D. Makes Survey Of Status of Civil Liberties for 1939

Cites Cases of Civil and Labor Case Victories, in Supreme and Lower Courts; Points to Adverse Rulings for Year

The International Labor Defense presents below the first of a series of surveys of facts and issues in the field of civil, labor, and democratic rights in the United States for 1939. The Survey of the Year in Civil Rights which will be contained in this series will offer the most complete statistical and other information available in this field.

### IMPORTANT COURT DECISIONS OF 1939

A survey by the International Labor Defense of decisions affecting civil and labor rights by the United States Supreme Court, federal district courts, and state supreme courts, in 1939 shows a balance sheet of:

Seven favorable U. S. Supreme Court decisions as against one (the *Fansteel* case) unfavorable to a progressive interpretation of constitutional provisions.

One favorable decision by a state supreme court as against one unfavorable. Both decisions involved labor injunctions.

Three favorable decisions of federal courts other than the Supreme Court.

The review covers only those decisions which set, establish, or affirm important precedents in the interpretation of the Bill of Rights. Decisions in cases still before the courts by way of appeal or in further proceedings, and therefore not finally adjudicated, are not included, nor are those which, though definitely involving civil rights, were based on technical rather than constitutional points.

Numerous cases involving further basic issues, such as the right to picket, the rights of Negroes, the rights of a Communist to naturalization, and the wide variety of issues involved in the *Bridges* case, are still pending before the courts, and expected to reach final adjudication in 1940.

The decisions included in the survey are:

### FREEDOM OF SPEECH, PRESS, AND ASSEMBLY

June 5, the United States Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional a Jersey City, N. J., ordinance restricting the right to meet in public places and leaving discretion in police officials to refuse permits for public meetings.

Nov. 22, United States Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional (in consolidated opinion on four cases):

1. Ordinances in Los Angeles, Milwaukee, and Wisconsin restricting the right to distribution of non-commercial leaflets, especially as based on allegations that streets were littered as a result of such distribution—which the court held was incidental and no basis on which to restrict constitutional rights.

2. An ordinance in Irvington, N. J., requiring permits for house-to-house non-commercial canvassing. (The International Labor Defense took the Los Angeles case to the Supreme Court.)

### RIGHTS OF LABOR

Feb. 7, the Supreme Court of Iowa set aside an injunction which forbade secondary boycott. (Local 408, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.)

Feb. 18, the Supreme Court of Tennessee granted a permanent injunction against a union picketing for the closed shop. (Local 453, Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Workmen of North America.)

Feb. 27, in the *Fansteel* case, the United States Supreme Court set aside an order of the National Labor Relations Board insofar as it applied to reinstatement of sitdown strikers, reinstatement of workers who helped the sitdown strikers; and on this basis also set aside the Board's order to the *Fansteel* Company to bargain with the Steel Workers Organizing Committee.

### RIGHTS OF NEGROES

Feb. 27, United States Supreme Court granted a new trial to Hugh Pierre, a Negro sentenced to death in New Orleans on charge of murdering a white man. Grounds for reversal followed the precedent set in the *Scottsboro* case and were based on systematic exclusion of Negroes from grand and petit juries.

On May 22, the United States Supreme Court held the Oklahoma Registration Act of 1916 null and void because it violated constitutional rights. The decision came in the case of I. W. Lane, a Negro, who sued because of deprivation of his constitutional right to register as a preliminary to vote under the Oklahoma ill-white registration laws.

Nov. 22, the Federal District Court for Maryland ruled that salary differentials for colored and white school teachers based solely on race or color are unconstitutional.

### RIGHTS OF ALIENS IN THE UNITED STATES

Jan. 23, decision of Circuit Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, reversed a lower court's order compelling Evelyn John St. Loe Strachey from the United States. Charge had been made that Strachey was a Commu-

nist, and his visa thereupon cancelled. The Circuit Court ruled the consul had no right to cancel.

April 17, the United States Supreme Court ruled that Joseph George Strecker, a legally entered alien, was not liable to deportation for membership in the Communist Party which terminated before warrant of deportation was issued. The Court did not pass upon the issue of present membership in the Communist Party. (This case had been taken up to the Supreme Court by the International Labor Defense.)

Nov. 30, United States District Court of Pennsylvania ruled unconstitutional a Pennsylvania statute requiring annual registration of aliens in the state. The court ruled only on the constitutionality of such a law as passed by a state.

### PRIVACY OF COMMUNICATION

Dec. 11, the United States Supreme Court reversed criminal convictions because they had been obtained on the basis of evidence secured by following leads obtained by tapping wires. There was some question whether the decision might be applied to intra state as well as interstate cases, which will be determined by further court proceedings as these may arise.

## Illinois Hungry To March on City Council

(Special to the Daily Worker) CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Illinois' specter of starving families will march into Chicago's City Council chamber on the first Saturday afternoon of January.

Then it is that the Illinois Relief Conference, sponsored by 140 leading publicists, trade unionists and social workers of the Windy City, will be convened.

The council chambers have been thrown open to the conference, which will throw down the gauntlet to Governor Henry Horner's continued indifference to the cry of the starving jobless of the state.

"Act to end hunger and suffering in Illinois!" is the slogan under which the conference will meet.

"Illinois relief facts," which cause the calling of the emergency conference, are set forth in the call.

## 'I ONLY SHOT 2 OR 3,' WEST COAST DEPUTY GRINS, ADMITS TO LA FOLLETTE PROBE

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coxon jerked the sign out of Hamilton's hands, threw it away and arrested the man.

### THREAT TO KILL

Marvin said he'd had trouble with Wilcoxon before, and that on the way to the jail Wilcoxon told him: "You dirty son-of-a-bitch, I should have killed you then, but I'll get the chance again."

Captain Talmadge Norwood, of the state highway patrol at Yuba City, took the stand, explain what he saw the morning of the arrests and beatings, backing up the version of Sheriff McCoy.

At this moment vulture-faced Henry "Hank" Strobel, general secretary of the Associated Farmers, and Wilcoxon arrogantly took seats at the press table.

### PRESS CROWDED

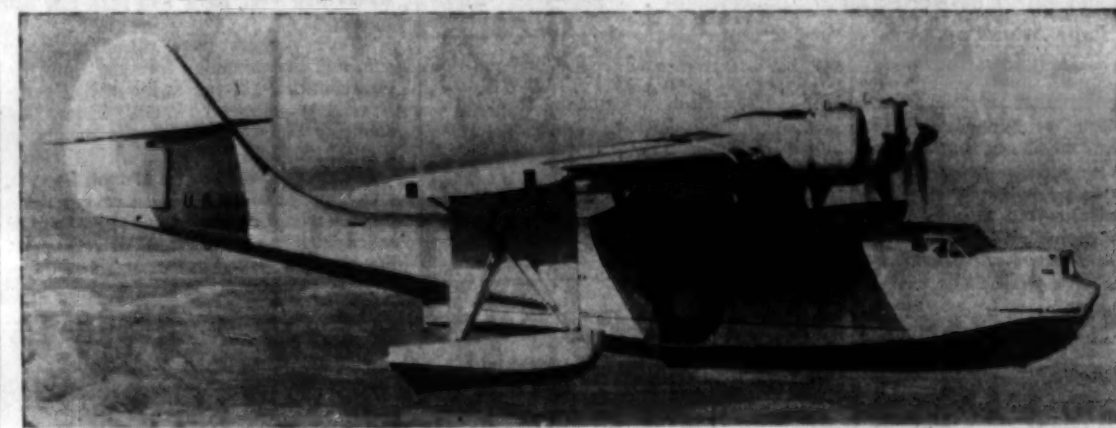
Already crowded reporters, practically sitting in each other's laps, objected, showed the sign reading: "Members of the Daily Press Only."

Finally, Attorney Henry Fowler, chief counsel of the committee, had to leave his seat on the bench beside Senator LaFollette, go down to the press table and force the men to leave.

Newcomb, the Earl Fruit Company man, took the witness seat. He contended that on the morning in question, he saw a picket slug a scab "on his way to work."

"That being the second demonstration of violence," he said gruf-

## World's Biggest Amphibian on Flight



THE WORLD'S LARGEST AMPHIBIAN PLANE MAKES ITS DEBUT: The United States Navy's newest patrol bomber, which has a tricycle landing gear with a single wheel forward and two aft, all retractable, designed for rough water landings or taxiing in an adverse wind, as it was photographed during a test flight over the Naval Base at San Diego, Calif.

## Labor Paper In Cleveland Criticizes FDR

Says He Acts for Wall St. in Drive on Wagner Act

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Charging the Roosevelt Administration with deliberately seeking to scuttle the Wagner Labor Relations Act, the Cleveland Union Leader, which is endorsed by the Cleveland Industrial Council, declares editorially that Roosevelt is "carrying out the instructions of Wall Street."

The full editorial follows: There is no longer any question about it. The Roosevelt administration is carrying out instructions of Wall Street and "amending" the Wagner Act.

Practically every one of the 25,000 daily newspapers operated by and for the greater glory of Wall Street united their forces in a campaign to wreck labor's Magna Charta, the National Labor Relations Act. Their method of wrecking the act was that of "amendment." But the American people arose with such a mighty voice against this campaign that the act remained intact.

Then the Roosevelt administration, which, in more liberal days, had carried out the mandate of the American people by fighting for the principles of the New Deal, stopped into the ring, with J. P. Morgan as manager. The Roosevelt administration set out to wreck the National Labor Relations Act by maladministration of that act in favor of employers. To carry out this campaign, Roosevelt appointed William Leiserson to the National Labor Relations Board.

Leiserson produced. His rulings and his dissenting opinions have already carried out pretty much of the wrecking campaign.

These sharp and dangerous facts were brought to light by James Carey, secretary of the Congress of Industrial Organization, in a recent brief presented to the U. S. Senate Committee on Labor and Education.

"Our eyes are fully open to the dangers implicit in the situation. The act represented to: will of the people of the United States... toward more complete democracy, industrial as well as political," he said.

## Spain Vets Meet Here, Ask Aid for Prisoners

12,000 Still Remain in French Concentration Camps; Convention Assails Imperialist War and Mannerheim Clique

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under military control, guarded by bayonets."

Chronic hunger grips Gallo and his comrades. They suffer from colic, grippe, boils and other diseases.

### URIBE SPEAKS

Vicente Uribe, Minister of Agriculture in the Negrin cabinet and member of the Political Bureau of the Spanish Communist Party, paid highest tribute to the International Brigade, and the American veterans before him.

In a speech translated by Carl Geiser, who came out of Franco's prison at Burgos last April, Uribe said the International's discipline and devotion not only helped save Madrid in the early months of the war, but helped lay the foundation for the Spanish people's own army.

The Spanish people, said Uribe, would avenge the dead heroes of the Brigade left behind in Spain, for the people's victory was certainly coming.

The Spanish Communist leader made a pointed reference to "the renegade Ralph Bates" in a discussion of the enemies of the Spanish people. Some of these enemies had crept into the ranks of the International Brigade, he emphasized.

Uribe told how these enemies worked. They sought to disrupt the unity of the Brigades with the Spanish people. They worked as spies and provocateurs.

"Some were discovered," he said, "and properly taken care of under our laws as they should be."

But others returned to other countries to do P.O.U.M. (Trotskyist group) work and to slander the forces that fought for the Spanish people.

He named Bates as one of these enemy slanderers and renegades. Uribe, White, Commander Milton Wolff, Salaria Key, heroic Negro nurse, who took part in the Ebro crossing; Phil Bard, one of the first volunteers and other speakers took part in a mass meeting of farewell to the friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, that followed the Veterans' convention.

Uribe stated proudly.

Ray Clark, another CIO agricultural worker, was next to testify. He said he was on the picket line the morning of July 22 for "about 10 minutes."

Then Wilcoxon and another deputy arrived in an auto. They called the pickets over. Clark was arrested immediately, placed in the car. Wilcoxon pulled his blackjack, and beat up another picket, a cripple named Pedro, according to Clark.

Pedro was placed in the auto with Clark. Wilcoxon told the other three to get going down the road. One, Leon Gonzales, didn't move fast enough. Wilcoxon beat him with blackjacks.

### DEPUTY GRINS

Throughout this testimony, Wilcoxon leaned idly against a side-wall of the courtroom, grinning widely.

Finally, after Wilcoxon struck Pedro again while the other deputy held him, all five of the men were picked up in the car, told to take off their CIO buttons or they would be killed, and driven many miles down the highway toward Sheridan, where they were dropped.

Gonzales, a young Spanish-American kid born in Texas, swore under oath that Clark's testimony was correct.

Wilcoxon was put on the witness stand again.

"They resisted arrest and showed fight," he said. He wasn't sure whether he had hit Gonzales, but

thought he might have.

"As for taking 'em out of the county—they asked me to take 'em down," he asserted. "Before I ever hit or arrested anyone, I tell them they can either get going down the road or go to jail, and I gave some as many as ten minutes."

Two stoop pigeons named during the day as operating in the CIO circles in Marysville were one Jim Nelson and Ed Winston or Wimpie. The latter was named by Chief of Police Dorrell La Fortuna of Marysville. Nelson was named by Sheriff Ulrey of Butte County.

When La Fortuna was called to the stand, he told of arresting 11 men in the Marysville CIO hall on July 23 for conspiracy to violate the county anti-picketing ordinance.

Later the men were released. When Senator LaFollette questioned La Fortuna about the case, the police chief admitted he had arrested the men on a "complaint."

When Senator LaFollette tried to pin him down as to who made the complaint, La Fortuna refused to answer on constitutional grounds.

A five-minute recess was called to enable the police chief to confer with his attorney. When they returned, LaFollette demanded that La Fortuna name his informant, which the latter did.

In the case of the informer Nelson, documents introduced into the record showed that Butte County had paid his CIO initiation fee and dues.

## Relief Crisis Hits Farm Area In No. Carolina

WPA Slashes, Low Prices and Crop Control Ruin Thousands of Farmers

WILSON, N. C., Dec. 24 (CNA).—Crop control, low prices for tobacco and reduction of the WPA rolls, have brought about a serious relief crisis in the agricultural regions of North Carolina.

Thousands of tenant farmers are being forced off the land by acreage reduction. Small farmers face the loss of their farms as the prices received for tobacco this year will not enable them to meet their obligations to banks and supply houses.

How acute is the situation was revealed by Monroe G. Fulghum, County Welfare head at Wilson, who in a report to the County Commissioners stated:

"People continue to come into my office with nothing to live on, and we can't do anything about it. You all know what we got for tobacco this year. That's part of the problem. And then there is little work for those out of jobs. There may be a job here or there for a day but the 50 or 75 cents that such jobs bring means nothing in the long run to a man with a big family."

County Commissioner Wilson estimated that 15 per cent of the local tenants would be cut off the land in 1940 because of crop control. He also blamed reduction of the WPA rolls for the present crisis.

A state-wide campaign in favor of adequate relief has been initiated by the North Carolina State Communist Party, which is demanding that the relief crisis be met by the calling of a special session of the State Legislature and that immediate relief be provided by the Federal government.

## Drive Against British, French Labor Shown

The 'Week' Reveals Plot of Chamberlain-Daladier War Machines to Smash the Trade Union Movement

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labor movement and have thrown a scare into M. Jouxhaux, war-mongering French labor leader, who is cooperating with the imperialist Daladier regime.

"While a large part of the exchange of views (that is, the Anglo-French official discussions — Ed.) must necessarily be regarded as an official secret with details of production rates and totals, etc., the most sensational feature was of a general character. It consisted of an open declaration by M. Jouxhaux, French trades union chief, to the effect that news of wage increases achieved in Britain since the beginning of the war in order to bring wages of certain groups in line with the cost of living, have produced most serious unrest in France," the Week continued.

"This, in turn, strengthened the position of the Communists who, up to the moment of their suppression as a party, were the strongest single working class party in France," the Week continued.

Pointing out that the labor leaders who have betrayed the workers into the imperialist slaughter fear to reveal their true aims to the rank and file workers, the Week went on to say:

"So far as our investigations show, it is probable to say that there are very few indeed among the Trades Union leadership who would not, if it were at all safe to do so, follow Sir Walter Citrine in support of Sir John Simon and Sir Horace Wilson.

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eral public, the members of the General Council are certainly perfectly aware of what is happening."

The Week declared further that the French government representatives demanded that "the British industrial machine must be placed, as soon as possible, on the same political level as that of the French—or, for that matter, the German and Italian, with the Trade Union leadership, approximating its functions (as in France) much more closely to those of the German Labor Front and, above all, resisting vigorously all attempts to raise wages."

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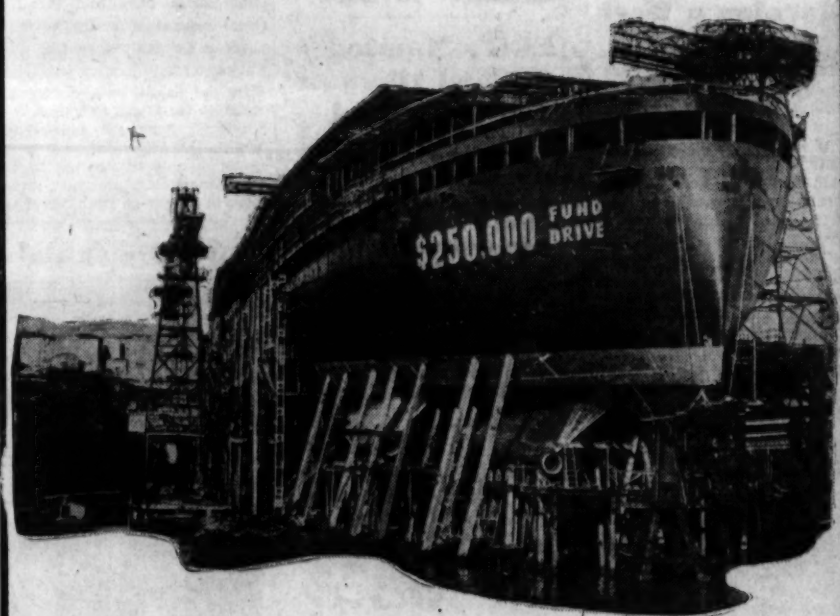
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# White Workers Oppose Southern Textile Co.'s Firing Negroes

## Mill Owners Attempt To Divide Employees, NAACP in Protest

Practice of Discharges Increasing as Southern Firms Have to Pay Hourly Rate Under Fair Labor Standards Act

DURHAM, N. C., Dec. 24.—Many white workers, demonstrating their increasing understanding of the need for Negro and white solidarity, have been opposing Southern textile mill owners firing of Negro employees and replacing them with white workers.

The practice of the owners, discriminating against Negro workers, has been increasing recently as the mill barons have had to meet the higher minimum wages under the Fair Labor Standards Act, which calls for 32½ cents hourly.

The firings are an open attempt to create friction among Negro and white employees.

This was the view expressed by officials of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who have filed a complaint in Washington with Col. Philip Fleming, administrator of the Act. The complaint, which is directed against the Erwin Cotton Mills of Durham, and filed through the national office of the NAACP in New York includes the affidavits of two Negro women workers at the textile mill, who stated that they were fired from the \$10-per-week jobs as cleaners Oct. 13, shortly after the wage increases for textile workers went into effect and their places taken by white workers.

The affidavits also state that all the Negro cleaners in the mill were fired except one, "who works there still cleaning spittoons and toilets."

That some of the white employees do not approve of the action taken by the mill owners is indicated by a statement made in the affidavits that these employees have expressed a willingness to "furnish any information they were able," whenever the investigation takes place. In his letter to Col. Fleming requesting an investigation, Walter White, executive secretary of the Association said:

"The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People requests that an investigation of these cases be ordered by you to the end that not only these individuals may be protected from the present injustice which has been meted out to them but that this treatment may be stopped by decisive action by the Wage and Hour division."

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## Beating of Negro Juror To Be Probed

Arrest of Asheville, N. C. Man Followed His Appearance for Duty

The Federal Bureau of Investigation will make "an immediate investigation" into the arrest and brutal beating last June of Lawrence Sigmon, fifty-year-old Negro, at the hands of an Asheville, North Carolina sheriff, who resented Sigmon's appearance for jury duty after he had been called to serve, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People announced yesterday.

Announcement of the action taken by the Department of Justice was made today by the N.A.A.C.P. following receipt of a reply to a telegram sent to Attorney General Frank Murphy urging the Justice Department to investigate the case as a violation of civil liberties.

## This War Will Cost More Than Last, French Say

PARIS, Dec. 24 (UP).—Sen. Abel Gardey, in his report today on the civil budget to the Senate Finance Committee, said it was "not unlikely" that the cost of the present conflict will be much higher than the war of 1914-1918.

"The variety of automatic arms, together with the complexity of mechanized materials and their fast wear and tear . . . enormously increase the expenditures of the state," he said.

The Senate on Tuesday will begin debating the 1940 civil budget, estimated at 79,246,000,000 francs (\$1,743,000,000). It must be passed before December 31. A special war budget voted for only the first three months of 1940 totaled more than 35,000,000,000 francs (\$1,210,000,000), affording a comparison between civil and war budgets.

### 4 Die in Crash

ROANOKE, Va., Dec. 24 (UP).—Four persons were killed and another critically injured today when their automobile struck a concrete bridge abutment six miles north of Roanoke on the Robert E. Lee Highway.

## Texas Quads Meet Santa



TEXAS QUADREPLETS MEET SANTA CLAUS FOR THE FIRST TIME: The Blodgett children of Galveston; Jeraldine, Jeanette, Joan and Joyce (left to right), receive a visit from Santa, in the person of H. L. Block. The youngsters, who now are eleven months old, each have two teeth. Joan is the heaviest, weighing twenty-one pounds.

## Writers Denounce Scuttling of Project

54 Out of 84 Writers Discharged Just Before Christmas—Work on Valuable Projects Halted by Reactionary Firings

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—The American Writers Union today denounced Southern California WPA Administrator Herbert C. Legg as "Santa Claus turned head-hunter" for firing 54 of a total personnel of 84 on the WPA writers project just before Christmas. The discharged writers

learned of their dismissal in a small item in a local newspaper just a few hours before they were abruptly fired by WPA without notice.

"We are warning other unions that this drastic policy is a maneuver in accord with the anti-labor Congress which destroyed Federal Theater, and harmonizes with an administration which now favors more billions for armaments at the expense of the cultural and economic needs of the people," stated Ramon Welch, writers' president.

### WORKS IN PROGRESS

The union is asking support of all friendly groups in their appeal for reinstatement of the writers project, pointing out that unless it is restored, the public will be deprived of 11 volumes now in preparation including a state encyclopedia, studies in California-Mexican folklore, racial ethnic studies and books on the life of people and industry in Los Angeles.

Official explanation for the dismissals emanating from Legg's office is lack of sufficient sponsorship funds, since the sponsorship requirements are to be jacked up to 25 per cent of the total funds involved.

The Screen Writers Guild has been sponsoring the project by providing 4 per cent of the funds.

### ASK SRA SPONSORSHIP

"It is a matter of only \$10,000 to continue this cultural enterprise, which from any angle is worth more

## Hathaway to Speak Wed. In Brooklyn

Role of Communists in World Situation His Subject

A report by Clarence Hathaway, editor of the Daily Worker on "The International Situation and the Role of the Communists" will feature the open general membership meeting called by the Communist Party of the Second Assembly District in Brooklyn.

The meeting, which will mark the end of another year of activity by this section of the Party will be held in the Community Center at 3200 Coney Island Avenue, Wednesday evening, December 26.

A report by the Assembly District chairman and presentation of awards for excellence in work will be among the highlights of the program. Residents of Brighton Beach, Flatbush and surrounding communities have been invited to attend.

## Toy Gun Nets Robber Lollypops and Jail

When a hold-up man staggered into his bakery shop, Wesley Jackson showed no alarm for it was apparent that his visitor was under the influence of liquor.

"Give me money, give me anything," muttered the would-be robber, William Actonacion, 25. Jackson obligingly handed the man the first thing he could reach—a package of assorted lollypops. Actonacion carefully placed his toy gun on the counter and began to sample the confection.

He was still sampling when police arrived and arrested him.

## Couple Burned to Death In Car; on Xmas Holiday

FARLEY, Mass., Dec. 24 (UP).—A Willamtown couple enroute to Somerville for Christmas were burned to death under mysterious circumstances in their automobile here today.

A milkman discovered the flaming automobile of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Williams but was unable to rescue them because of the intense heat. He summoned firemen but by the time they arrived on the car, parked by the roadside, was a skeletal mass of twisted steel and the bodies cremated.

## Finns in U. S. Support New People's Gov't

Greetings to Republic Pour in from Every Part of America

The new Finnish People's Republic is winning mounting support among the Finnish people of this country.

Greetings continue to be wired from points all over the country to the Terijoki government.

Last Sunday in the upstate farming community of Van Etten, the following greetings were sent from a meeting held by the Finnish Workers Federation branch there: "We send our most heartfelt greetings and sympathy to you in your struggle for the freedom of the toiling people of Finland from the yoke of the Finnish ruling class and big imperialist powers."

In a similar upstate farmers' gathering at Thumansburg, the new Republic was hailed for "having freed the working people from the control of the White Guard butcher-class."

From Marengo, Wisconsin, in the area where Finns are more heavily concentrated, comes this unanimously adopted greeting from a mass meeting of Finn farmers: "Accept our hearty greetings and sympathy for your struggle to free the Finnish people from the oppression of large land-owners, timber-barons, White Guard generals and the big imperialist powers of Europe."

The Finnish Workers Federation, one of the largest national Finnish organizations in this country, is running off 20,000 leaflets on the program of the new People's Republic to satisfy the tremendous interest shown by Finns, with a nation-wide distribution.

Meanwhile, the New York offices of the Federation continues to be the object of endless telephone calls and written requests for speakers to give the working class angle on the Finnish-Soviet conflict.

## Charlie Picked for Bowl Fete



Queen Margaret Huntley seems to hold more interest for Charlie McCarthy than the badge designating him as grand marshal of the Tournament of Roses pageant at Pasadena, Cal., New Year's Day. Edgar Bergen, the wooden dummy's radio papa, is at right.

## Bulgarian Trade Group Leaves for Moscow

SOPIA, Dec. 24 (UP).—A Bulgarian trade delegation left Sofia for Moscow today. The group will travel via Bucharest, Rumania.

## Die in Fire

BOSTON, Dec. 24 (UP).—Mrs. Margaret Perry, 63, died today of burns suffered when flames swept her Alston home.

## Killed by Fall

Hugh Brady, 33, 783 Southern Blvd., the Bronx, died at Lincoln Hospital yesterday an hour after he fell or jumped from the roof of a six-story building at 810 Dawson St., the Bronx.

## Hitler at Western Front

BERLIN, Dec. 24 (UP).—Adolf Hitler is at the Western Front spending the holidays, it was announced officially today.

## Does Your Insurance Policy Protect You?

"Nine out of every ten policies taken out are lapsed or surrendered before they accomplish their original purpose."

FORTUNE, May 1931

THIS is not the fault of life insurance as a means of protecting our dependents. Most people buy ill-suited policies on which they are not able to maintain payments.

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### DOROTHY JONES, Age 18

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THE citrus fruits at present are dominating the market. Their season is now in full swing and heavy shipments are pouring in to

the city every day, from the groves of California, Florida and Texas.

Florida oranges are averaging over fifty carloads daily. California Valencia receipts however, are dwindling fast as their season nears its close, but to compensate for this, the supply of the California navel is rapidly increasing, and already surpassing the Valencia variety.

Tangerines are beginning to flood the market and will reach their peak in time for the Christmas holidays. Their quality is steadily improving.

Lemons continue to arrive from California in adequate supply. Liberal shipments of grapefruit are coming in from Florida. Texas too is contributing with small consignments.

A very large crop is anticipated this year, although it will not be quite as large as the record yield of last season.

The quality of the grapefruit being cultivated today is infinitely superior to that of the first grapefruit introduced in New York in the latter part of the 19th century. At that time the fruit was thick-skinned, very bitter and extremely seedy. Since then, as a result of constant experimentation by growers and scientists, a sweeter, juicier, and more tender variety is produced.

In fact, one of the most popular types today is the seedless variety, and Texas growers are specializing in a pink-fleshed grapefruit.

As a result of this great improvement in palatability, grapefruit is fast becoming an American staple. It is a great favorite as a breakfast fruit, and is the first course in luncheons and formal dinners.

Despite its acid-like taste, grapefruit has an alkaline reaction in the blood. Dentists recommend it for the building of teeth and bones, and they also tell us, that it aids in keeping the teeth and gums in a healthy condition.

Grapefruit, like other members of the citrus group, has a good supply of vitamin C and is a fair source of vitamins B and G. To obtain the full benefits of the vitamin C content, it is advisable to serve the fruit in its natural state.

Now here are a few points on selection. Choose those with thin skins, and then balance them in your hand. You will find that fruits that are heaviest for their size, usually contain the most juice. A grapefruit of good quality, will be well-shaped and firm, but springy to the touch. Any that are soft, wilted, or flabby, should be avoided.

Some people are of the opinion, that russet grapefruits, or those

with brownish discolorations, have a better flavor than the fruits that are evenly yellow. According to the experts, this is just an idle food rumor, without any foundation. They say that the discolored appearance of the outside skin does not affect the quality or flavor of the fruit. But if there is even one small spot of decay, it will give an off-flavor throughout all the sections.

For emergencies, or quick, economical service, grapefruit is unexcelled, as it requires little, or no preparation, and it combines well with all foods.

However, good values are not confined to the citrus group. Apples are abundant, with many varieties at bargain figures. Winter pears too, command your attention at their present levels. Other good suggestions include grapes, pomegranates and persimmons.

More for Your Money  
Tomato paste costs about the same as the little cans of Spanish sauce, and you get about three times as much tomato for your money, without the high spicing. The paste is a thick, smooth concentrate of tomatoes, with no flavoring besides salt and a little "basilico," that gentle herb. One can will give hearty tomato flavoring to a big pot of macaroni, meat or chowder.

## ATTENTION! SILVERWARE OFFER EXTENDED TO SAT. DEC. 30

Due to many requests that we continue the silverware offer during the Christmas season, it has been extended until Saturday, December 30th. Those who need more than one set to complete their service, or for Christmas gifts, can obtain as many as they need with only 7 Silverware Certificates.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1939

## Merry Christmas!

The Daily Worker wishes all its readers, supporters and friends a Merry Christmas!

The overwhelming desire for "peace and good will to men" was never so sharp and deep in the breast of the American people, as today. Yet the forces of imperialism and oppression have lit the torch of war and our own reactionaries—symbolized in Wall Street—are trying ever harder to drag us into it.

Peace and good will for the American people can come only through a struggle against the war makers, a fight for jobs for 11 million unemployed Americans, the maintenance of the Bill of Rights, and through an unyielding defense of the living standards of labor and the people.

We are proud of the fight we are making on these issues. We know that the efforts of the war-mongers to suppress our voice—is only because we speak for the peace and liberty which are uppermost in the minds and hearts of Americans this Christmas day. But we realize that it has been the support of our readers and friends which have made our contributions possible, and which give confidence for the future. To them we extend our heartiest thanks and greetings, and our best wishes for a joyous Christmas season.

## The Dance of Life

"GIRL WHO DANCED WITH WINDSOR WEDS KERENSKY," says the illuminating headline over a story telling of the betrothal of Alexander Kerensky, provisional premier of the provisional government that the Russian people tolerated for a few months in 1917.

The compatibility of the couple is incontestable. The bride danced with a crown that lasted for a few months. The groom also danced with fleeting glory.

## Dies' Idea of Christmas

The Christmas greeting of the war-monger Rep. Dies to the American people is in line with all his reactionary attacks upon civil liberties. He has just called for the deportation of 7,000,000 foreign-born Americans.

This is one of the most blatant and dangerous utterances of Dies in his long list of unashamed attacks on civil liberties, and is not to be taken lightly. For behind Dies' threat against the 7,000,000 persons he would deport there lies a grim vicious purpose: another assault against the trade unions and those organizations, increasing in number, which oppose America's entry into the imperialist war.

Dies is getting feverish assistance in his attack on the non-citizens from the Roosevelt administration, especially through the reactionary "foreign agent" campaign of the Department of Justice, under Attorney General Murphy. All this talk about "investigating Communist activities" in Detroit and in the auto industry, with the direct sanction and blessing of Murphy, ties in neatly with the whole pattern of savage onslaughts against the trade unions and the American people generally.

Dies' alien-baiting is a grave menace to the civil liberties of all Americans. His latest blast is, without doubt, timed for the opening of the 1940 Congress when more than 60 so-called "anti-alien" bills come up for passage. Already three of the most vicious of these measures got by the House in the last Congress. (In this connection, the forthcoming conference of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born to be held in Washington in March, should get the support of the entire American people.)

One of the primary and imperative tasks facing the American people which the January Congress must be made to recognize and act upon: that the American people want no part of the imperialist war. Arising from this major task, is the necessity to end the un-American Dies Committee, to prevent its subsidiary wing, the Department of Justice, from going ahead with its underhanded attacks on labor and its "foreign agent" attacks against the Bill of Rights.

The accomplishing of this job falls in the main on that mass bulwark against war, the trade unions of the nation. But it is the American duty of everyone, of the people from all walks of life to get into the fight against the poisonous anti-alien bills if the peace and security of the people are to be protected in 1940.

## LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

"Let Those Who Defend Capitalism Apologize"—

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

There seems to be a tendency on the part of some Communists and their friends to be on the defensive. This arises out of the difficulty in explaining their foreign policy of the Soviet Union and because of the barrage of slanders and lies which the kept bourgeois press and the Social-Democratic traitors to the working class are hurling at the Soviet Union and the Communist Party. It is, of course, necessary to explain patiently the position of the Communist Party but it is not necessary to be on the defensive.

We who defend Socialism in the Soviet Union and who advocate Socialism throughout the world need not be apologetic for our stand. A thousand times no. Let those who defend capitalism apologize for ten million unemployed in this country. Let the pen-prostitutes, Walter Lippmann and Isaac Don Levine, apologize for the misery and suffering which capitalism's last war brought and which the present war threatens to bring. It is their job to defend the one dollar a day wage scale of the South and the inhuman treatment given to the Negro people. Let the bourgeois professors and their "brilliant" economists try to explain away the depressions and the unemployment which capitalism brings. Maybe they can explain why people in Cleveland and Toledo, as well as in other parts of the country, have nothing to eat.

No, they cannot satisfactorily explain this, and because they cannot, and because they feel that their miserable class is being shaken at its foundations, they resort to hysterical lies and shrieking slanders. The fight of the capitalists is a losing one because the cause of the workers is becoming increasingly stronger.

The victory of the proletariat is inevitable, because the workers will not defend the class system which the capitalists are trying hard to preserve.

E. N. Y. BANCH, Y. C. L.

## Reader Draws a Historic Parallel Based on Engels' Writings

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The hysterical attempts of the government to suppress the Communist Party, by the sniping off of its leaders, because the government simply cannot bear to be exposed to the people as a war-mongering abettor of big Wall Street monopoly and foreign fascism, reminds us of what Engels wrote in 1893 in regard to a new bill in Germany to suppress "subversive activities."

Engels refers to a historical episode about a "dangerous revolutionary party" (the Christians) in the Roman Empire, who, as the Romans of the time proclaimed, "undermined religion and all the foundations of the state; even denied that the will of Caesar was the highest law. This 'revolutionary' party was international, it had no fatherland; it spread the 'dangerous' doctrine of the brotherhood of man throughout the Empire from Gaul to Asia and even over the frontiers of the Empire." It entered the army, too, and whole legions were converted to Christianity. The authorities produced no effect by the usual drill-sergeant methods, and even the special decree, which the Emperor Diocletian passed, was useless. Indeed, seventeen years after the great persecution of 303 A. D., this "revolutionary" party instead of being liquidated had grown so strong that the Roman army was chiefly composed of its members, the Christians.

The Federal Administration, with its FBI, Department of Justice and its Dies Committee, is urged on like political bloodhounds by Wall Street high finance capital. The profiteering, war-mongering vampires of Wall Street, who suck the life-blood of the American people cannot bear to see their war aims exposed. This is the reason why they hysterically demand of their willing servant, the government, to have the voice of the Communist Party, which cries: "Save America From War," silenced at all costs, even if it means tearing up the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. These are those same gentlemen who every now and again force loyal Americans on WPA and in the schools to take "oaths of loyalty," so that they, the predatory interests, may have full play to exercise their disloyalty to attack such American institutions, the most sacred of all, the Bill of Rights. M. C.

## Thoughts of Soldier Behind Maginot Line—

Bronx, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In all the news about the war, I haven't seen a single article in the press dealing with the thoughts, feelings and perspectives of the men in the trenches, of rank and file soldiers whether they be stationed along the Maginot or Siegfried Lines. Of course there have been a couple of phony articles on "morale" in the bourgeois press. But that amounted to so much routine, pro-war drivel.

The following is an imaginary letter from a soldier stationed on the Maginot Line.

"Dear . . .  
"Well, here I am just a pill in a pillbox on the Maginot Line. It's so quiet here you can hear a bomb drop. Occasionally the silence is broken by artillery fire, desultory—scattered. Overhead the dreary drone of reconnaissance planes making the rounds also breaks in on a guy's thoughts. And these are lots of time to think. When a soldier isn't fighting there is room for other considerations. There are a million thoughts ganging up on each other.

"Last week we had wine and famous cabaret entertainers from London held forth. Couple of new love lyrics make a guy sentimental.

"Reminded that last Christmas I had a party at home with Cecile and the kid. The kid started to bawl. I sang 'God Save the King' and the kid slept like a log. Seems like a long time and a lot of water has passed under the London Bridge.

"The kid is in the country now and Cecile is in London. What with the blackouts and all, and me fighting for God, country and Smugly Ryds, I wonder what is going to happen to them.

"I really shouldn't worry. They have the cutest gas masks, some of them even designed for evening wear, and the air-raid drills are carried out with scientific precision. Though I hear the same thing applies to the air raids.

"We're near Christmas again. I wonder why Chamberlain played Kris Kringle to Hitler for such a long time. Funny, one day he's old Kris himself and the next he's a big ogre with big teeth and a black umbrella.

"I'm getting complicated again. But a guy goes half nuts sometimes and he gets lost trying to straighten himself out.

"We all walk around with poker faces, saying, 'Yes Sir! No Sir! Yes Sir! No Sir!'

"Reports go out: All quiet in this sector. No activity on the Maginot Line.

"But there is a big thought inside of me. Maybe inside of other Tommies and Frenchmen and Germans and Poles.

"Maybe we'll all meet some day and shake hands with a Red Army Man. Ask him how he did it in 1917. Maybe we can send Chamberlain with his umbrella and Hitler with his moustache to the cleaners, end the war and get together in the building of a New World."

A. N.



## Old Soviet Workers Tell of Struggle Against Czar With Stalin in Batum

We continue today a series of reminiscences by old Soviet workers on the activity of Stalin as a young revolutionary.

### "The Sun Will Shine For Us"

By P. G. Kuridze

The working conditions of the workers in the Batum oil plants were very hard. We used to work 15 to 16 hours a day, received no pay for enforced stoppages, our wages were very low, and a severe system of fines operated.

In the autumn of 1901, one of our foremost revolutionary minded workers, Kotia Kandelaki, told me that a Party worker had arrived from Tiflis—a propagandist, who wanted to have a talk with me.

Said Kandelaki to me: "Get the most reliable of the lads together and fix up a meeting in your house."

I talked it over with the comrades and at the appointed time about 30 workers gathered together in a little house which was situated in a solitary and distant part of the city.

The arrival of the Tiflis Party worker was awaited with impatience. On hearing the agreed knock, I opened the door, and into the room walked Kotia Kandelaki, followed by our guest.

He was a young man about 22 years old, black-haired, rather thin, and with an energetic, sharply-featured face.

It was Comrade Stalin, Soso Jugashvili.

We were introduced, and after a few general phrases a lively discussion developed. His speeches aroused my admiration. At last we understood wherein lay the secret of exploitation, and what was most important, we learned that the emancipation of the proletariat is the job of the workers themselves.

How clearly, simply and convincingly Comrade Soso spoke; in his words everything became clear of itself—the conditions of the working class, the exploitation and oppression of the workers by the bourgeoisie, the alliance between the Tsar and the capitalists against the workers, the struggle of the proletariat against the autocracy, the overthrow of the capitalist system, as the only road to liberation.

The hours passed by unnoticed, evening came, to be followed by night, but we still sat in the smoke-filled room, listening with bated breath to our guest. But in spite of all, we must disperse. As we were leaving, Comrade Soso told us:

"Political study-circles need to be established. Organize a few small circles, and I will conduct them."

We joyfully accepted the proposal. In a short space of time eleven circles were established.

Never will I forget those days and weeks of close contact with Soso Jugashvili, our ardent and wise teacher. The lessons took place in illegal circumstances. Comrade Stalin attached enormous importance to the methods employed in conducting illegal work. If he came anywhere in an overcoat, he would not fail to change this for something else when he left. He sometimes managed to conduct two circles in one day, was prompt, was never late, and highly valued his own time and ours. We took to Soso

and became very much attached to him. His ineffable way of treating people—his charming simplicity, attentiveness, ability to listen and to understand a person from his very first word—won our hearts, while his wit, courage and boldness filled us with determination to go with him into the struggle and to fight until victory.

A month passed by. On the eve of the New Year, Comrade Stalin gathered all the circle monitors together and suggested that they organize a comrades' New Year party. The proposal was received with joy.

On New Year's eve we gathered together at the house of one of the comrades.

Stalin's jokes caused roars of laughter. Everybody was in splendid spirits. Our talk passed on imperceptibly to political themes, and here again Stalin's voice rang out amid the silence that fell on us all.

That is how we spent our time until dawn. When the rose-colored rays of the dawn came through the windows, Stalin raised his glass and said:

"Well, the dawn is here! Soon the sun will rise. This sun will shine for us."

That night the Batum Social-Democratic organization was formed. A leading Party group, headed by Stalin, was also appointed then.

### The Underground Printing Press

By I. Darakhvelidze

Comrade Stalin repeatedly told us all who attended his Batum study circle of the need to organize an illegal printing press for the printing of leaflets and different pamphlets.

"We must make the wide masses of the working people acquainted with our work, open their eyes, organize the workers for the struggle against Tsarism," he always used to say when the conversation turned on the printing press.

As a result of Comrade Stalin's efforts a printing press was got together. It was set up in the room where Stalin lived. We had the paper with which to print the leaflets. We could always get the paper in any quantity—providing the money was there.

At that time Social-Democratic circles, led by Comrade Stalin, functioned energetically in the majority of the enterprises in Batum. Political demonstrations began to be organized with greater frequency. One of the biggest demonstrations of the Batum workers—that took place on March 9, 1902—was fired on by Tsarist troops, and afterwards several hundred workers who took part in it were deported from Batum.

On the evening of March 9, after the demonstration, Stalin gathered us together and said:

"We must at all costs let the wide masses of workers, not only of Batum, Tiflis, Poti and Baku, but also of the whole of Russia, know about the events in Batum. Let all the workers know that the Tsarist government defends the capitalists and the bourgeoisie. We must issue a leaflet without delay, devoted to the shooting of the Batum workers."

It will be a long time before I forget that night . . . a narrow

little room, dimly lit up by an oil lamp. At a small round table sat Stalin, writing. At his side was the printing press, at which the type-setters and Kotia Kandelaki were at work. The type was spread out in match-and-cigarette boxes and on pieces of paper.

Comrade Stalin passed over what he had written in parts to the type-setters. Every few minutes I and Kotia would go out into the yard and listen attentively to the quiet of the night. At last Stalin finished writing. He got up and read out to us what he had written.

The text of the manifesto made a great impression on us all. In simple words, easy to understand, the manifesto told of the shooting down of the workers, who had dared to demand an improvement in their severe conditions.

It explained that the Tsar and the entire state machine stood on guard over the interests of the capitalists, that the workers could expect help from nowhere and that only their unity and joint action could help them to overthrow the Tsar and the capitalists. It described in detail the shooting down of the demonstrators.

Dawn had already arrived, but the work continued. By morning several hundred leaflets had been printed. Stalin told the type-setters not to disperse the type, but to use it for a second edition, so that the leaflets could be sent to the villages as well. And it was a fact that after the victims of the demonstration had been buried, more than a hundred leaflets were printed and distributed by us among the peasants.

The way of distributing the leaflets was as follows: representatives from the factories—the foremost workers, people who attended Comrade Stalin's circles—came to us and Stalin himself gave them a certain number of leaflets for distribution among the workers, and to be dispatched to the villages.

I personally took 30 leaflets and distributed them among the peasants of the nearby villages. The manifestoes exerted a big revolutionizing influence over the peasants, who would read them over several times. The reading of Stalin's manifestoes caused an exchange of opinions, threats and curses against the Tsar, the landlords and capitalists.

On one occasion the wife of a worker employed in a works owned by the Rothschilds came to me and warned me that a watch was being kept over the house where Stalin lived and where the printing press was established. Comrade Stalin immediately took measures to have the press transferred to another place, and gave us detailed instructions as to how we should conduct ourselves under cross-examination if we were arrested.

At the appointed time a phaeton came to our house. Comrade Stalin himself took out the parts, wrapped up in a sack, of the printing press which had been taken to pieces, and with our help took them to the house of one of our comrades. It was only on the third day after this that Comrade Stalin came to my house. We had no idea where he had been and what he had done in the meantime. It would have been useless to ask him about it, because he was a great believer in the need to conduct illegal work properly.

(To be continued)

## Questions and Answers

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER



Question—What is the peace policy of the Soviet Union?

Answer—The Soviet Union was born in the struggle of the Russian workers and peasants against the imperialist World War of 1914-1918. Ever since, as a Socialist state, it has followed an active policy of world peace. It wants peace so that it may be able to develop its own prosperity and so that its people can live in harmonious cooperation with all other nations.

The unceasing struggle of the Soviet Government for peace has taken on various forms through the years. In the League of Nations the U. S. S. R. proposed plans for complete international disarmament, and when the imperialist states rejected this, it submitted proposals for partial disarmament, which were also voted down. Then it embarked upon a policy of making non-aggression pacts with all possible countries. When the great war began to loom ominously after the accession to power of Hitler in Germany the Soviet Government, while giving active aid to China, Spain and other invaded countries, became the world leader in the struggle to develop a great international peace front of the democratic peoples to halt the fascist aggressor states and to maintain international peace. If this policy of collective security was finally defeated and the war-makers secured a free hand, the reason therefor was the failure of the Social-Democratic, trade union and progressive forces of the world to give active support to the Soviet Government's fight for a general peace front.

Now that hostilities have broken out between the Allies and Germany, the Soviet Union, pronouncing the war an unjust one, an imperialist war in which the masses have no stake on either side, has correctly adopted a position of neutrality. The U. S. S. R. demands that peace be reestablished. As it was the leading fighter to prevent the outbreak of war, so the Soviet Government is also the great champion of bringing the present cold-blooded mass slaughter to an end.

With the war confronting it, a major feature of Soviet policy is to prevent the spread of the war. Here the Soviet-German non-aggression pact played a big role; for without it undoubtedly by now all Europe would have been in the flames of war, and the Red Army is a powerfully deterrent factor to the widening of hostilities. This fight against the war's extension is vital and for us its significance is that we should keep the United States from entering the war. Great Britain and France especially are making all efforts to extend the war by dragging in the neutrals, and to inflame the Finnish situation into a general capitalist war against the Soviet Union.

Another basic phase of the Soviet Government's peace policy is its efforts to lessen the terror and hardships of the war for the world masses by its condemnation of the British blockade, which threatens to starve the populations of Germany and the food-importing neutral European nations; its opposition over many years to the use of gas, the bombing of open cities and other ultra-barbarous war methods; its opposition to the machinations of profiteers in all countries; its outspoken condemnation of the reactionaries throughout the capitalist world who are utilizing the war situation to rob the people of their democratic rights.

Last, and most basically important, while the great imperialist powers are locked in war, the Soviet Union is helping to lay the foundations for an eventual firm and enduring world peace by building up its system of Socialism. Recent months have seen its position enormously strengthened in the Baltic, in the Balkans, in the Far East, and generally as a world power. The Soviet Union is a great beacon light for the masses in a war-torn world; it illuminates the path that the oppressed of this earth must follow in order finally to escape from the hell of capitalist exploitation and its attendant devastating war.

Question—Why does the United States sell war materials to its imperialist rival Japan, with which to wage war on China?

Answer—According to some American estimates, Japan's imperialist attack upon China has cost 1,000,000 Chinese soldiers their lives, resulted in the death of 10,000,000 civilians through hunger, disease and bombings, and created 40,000,000 starving refugees, besides the death and suffering it has brought to huge numbers of Japanese soldiers. This frightful slaughter would not have been possible for the Japanese invader had it not been for the huge supplies of war material—scrap iron, cotton, etc.—shipped to Japan from the United States. At present fully 80 per cent of Japanese imports of war materials comes from this country.

From the beginning of the Japanese invasion the American people, highly sympathetic to China, have favored cutting off the vital war supplies to Japan. A recent Gallup poll showed an 88 per cent sentiment to this effect. But this overwhelming public sentiment on behalf of the Chinese people means nothing to American imperialists; the bloody munitions trade goes right on, with the war-mongers making huge profits out of it. The argument of the Roosevelt Administration spokesmen that the Government could not embargo Japan because it had a trade agreement with that country, is given the lie by the extreme slavery with which the State Department recently, in the Finnish situation, placed a "moral" embargo on war materials to the Soviet Union, despite the existing trade agreement with the U. S. S. R.

American policy in the Chinese war situation is colored by imperialism. There are three main prongs to it: first, to make all possible profits out of the munitions trade with Japan; second, to arrive at a bargain with Japan for trade and other rights in China, at the expense of the Chinese people; third, to bring pressure upon Japan (by threatening to cut off its supply of war materials) to force that country into a position of belligerency against the Soviet Union.

In all this imperialist intrigue there is a basic identity with Chamberlain's "appeasement" policy toward Hitler—with his supplying of war strength to the aggressor, his sacrifice of the weaker peoples, and his incitement of war against the Soviet Union. The tactics of imperialists are everywhere pretty much the same.

Question—How do you explain the changed position of the Communist Party toward the Roosevelt Administration?

Answer—Speaking on this point before the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dec. 14, 1939, Comrade Browder said:

"If the Daily Worker has made a big change in its attitude this is fully matched by the change in the Wall Street Journal. The cause for both changes is the same. With the outbreak of the war, President Roosevelt abandoned the New Deal policies in domestic affairs, abandoned the 'Good Neighbor' policy toward Latin America, abandoned neutrality toward the imperialist rivalries in Europe, abandoned the role of peace-maker for America, abandoned practically everything which the Daily Worker had been supporting and which the Wall Street Journal had been opposing. Inevitably the two papers and all people and organizations represented and symbolized by them changed their position toward Roosevelt."

Wm Z. Foster



## CHANGE THE WORLD



9-Year-Old Virginia  
Asks If There Really  
Is a Santa Claus

By MIKE GOLD

(Reprinted by request)

A LITTLE girl has written me as follows:  
"Dear Mike:

My teacher read us a little piece the other day in reference to Santa Claus. It seems that some thirty years ago another little girl wrote a letter to the New York Sun. She said that someone had just told her there was no Santa Claus, and she felt bad about it. Was it true? So the editor of the Sun answered her and told her not to worry. There was a Santa Claus, he said. He wrote this in very pretty language and our teacher says it is now a famous editorial. She read it to us, but I failed to find it convincing. I doubt whether there is a Santa Claus, even if the New York Sun says so. Does this make me a terrible un-American cynic, or what? Sincerely yours, Virginia Papineau Lincoln (only nine years old.)"

Well, Virginia, your instincts are correct, and you are right in following them. The New York Sun does not always tell the truth and, in fact, has published stories about Earl Browder, for example, that are just as misleading as its yarn about Santa Claus.

There is no real flesh-and-blood Santa Claus, any more than there are chimneys in New York and other cities for him to pop out of. It is just a story, a fable, a myth, like the tales about Red Riding Hood and Snow White. But you enjoy those stories, don't you, without believing them to be the whole truth? Well, you can also enjoy the story of Santa Claus in the same manner.

It is one of those beautiful stories that come out of the hearts of the people. Santa Claus, with his long, grandfatherly beard, rosy cheeks and love of all children, is a reflection of the mind of the people. They are generous; they have no hate; they want to help one another and give one another presents. Humanity is good, and its holidays are a proof of it. Christmas is the holiday when the great impulse of human solidarity goes unchecked for a short while. All the horrible conflicts brought into the world by money and snobism and pathologically ambitious individuals are temporarily forgotten and the people are their true selves. When they finally organize and kick out their exploiters every day will be Christmas and Santa Claus will be the ruler of the world.

That would be a fine thing, Virginia, wouldn't it? So we mustn't deny the reality of Santa Claus, for he really is one of the many incarnations of man's desire for a world of peace, brotherhood and rejoicing.

I believe that the hold that Jesus has had on the human mind for so many centuries comes from the same source. Jesus was a man of the people, a poor Jewish carpenter who was born in a manger. And Mary, the mother of Jesus, had to flee from the vigilantes and Ku Kluxers of the time.

There was no room for her anywhere, not even at a public inn. And in her deep weariness, she and Joseph, her husband, found a stable where only a quiet donkey and a cow or two mused over their hay. And there the child was born.

It is a touching and eternal story, this story of persecution, and what makes it significant is that the child thus born of a Jewish working class mother proved to be a genius, who preached a message of human brotherhood that has not yet lost its vitality for the heart of man.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus and there is a Jesus, but only those who truly believe in brotherhood can understand them. The New York Sun and the rich people it speaks for pay only lip-service to Christmas. They would throw every unemployed person and his children on the streets, Christmas or no Christmas, at the same moment penning false sentimental tributes to the Christ-child and our kind grandfather Santa Claus.

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Comrade Mike:

I have just read in the Sunday Worker the moving and inspiring story of Dr. Norman Bethune, who died in China in the line of duty. I know of no more glorious saga in all the annals of the long fight for human liberation; and one day we'll name a people's factory or collective farm for this courageous fighter in the field of medicine. His true spirit is revealed in the fact that he insisted the world know him as a Communist should he lose his life overseas.

I think we should do something to perpetuate the memory of a comrade of his calibre. It isn't enough to praise his quiet courage, praise-worthy as that most certainly is; in these days of the people's fight on all fronts, we must learn to inspire others by the lives and deaths of those of our comrades who distinguish themselves in one way or another.

What more practical way to carry on the torch that has dropped from Comrade Bethune's hand than to collect the money he was coming back to America to gather when death overcame him? Why not organize the Doctor Norman Bethune Medical Fund for China? Then we could send back to the heroic Chinese people the medical units and the trained doctors and nurses Doctor Bethune saw was so urgently necessary if the fight for freedom there is to be won.

Yes, it is only among the people and in the people's battle for independence and economic emancipation that the real heroes arise. The profit-takers make heroes out of stuffed shirts and gory militarists, but the false reputation of these people belched forth out of ten thousand printing presses, soon passes, and the people see them for what they are. It is the quiet, unassuming heroism of the sons and daughters of the working class, who labor patiently and often uncomplained in their appointed places of duty, that endures and shines into the co-operative world. Let us cherish and perpetuate the memories of a few of them.

Comradely yours,

ALAN A. MILLER.

## Notables in Theatre, Arts and Letters, to Attend New Year's Hop

Scores of notables in the theatre, arts and letters will be on hand to join in the huge jam session of merrymaking at the Royal Windsor, 66 W. 66th St., when New Masses, pinching from Ponce de Leon, stages its novel "Fountain of Youth" New Year's Eve Hop. Included among the prominent who will kick their heels high to the lush dance rhythms of Edgar Hayes and his Blue Rhythm 14-piece swing band are: Ruth ("My Sister Ellen") McKenney, William ("The World Is Mine") Blake, Marc ("Gracie Will Rock") Blumenthal, Gardner ("Major Nerts of the Fascist Shirts") Rea, William ("The Mikado's pet hate") Gropper, John L. ("Silver Charlie") Spivak, Harold ("Pins and Needles") Rome, A. ("Locomotive of History") Redfield, Alvah ("Men in Battle") Besel, Mike (Papa) Gold, Mordcaim ("Peat Bog Soldier") Baumann, Bruce ("The Past Twenty Years") Minton.

Also: New Masses editors Joseph North, Sam Sillen, John Stark, A. B. Magill, Crockett Johnson, James Dugan, Joseph Starobin, etc.

The New Masses "Fountain of Youth" Hop at the Royal Windsor, will feature dancing 'til dawn to the continuous strains of both Edgar Hayes and his famous swing band and Al Louis and his dance band. The festivities will be studied, the sponsors promise, with "surprise entertainment" plus "a bab-

bling spring set on the center of the huge Royal Windsor dance floor.

"The least expensive dance in town," is the way New Masses describes their New Year's Eve Hop. Tickets are 75c in advance, 90c at the door. Tickets are on sale at the Workers Bookshop, 50 E. 13th St., the Progressive Bookshop, 133 W. 44th St., the New York State office of the YCL, 822 Broadway and at the editorial offices of New Masses, 461 Fourth Ave., corner 31st St., New York City.

## Film Notes

"S. O. S. Mediterranean," the French film which was awarded the Grand Prix du Cinema Francaise for 1939, will have its American premiere at the Cameo on New Year's Eve (Dec. 31), when it will replace the current "The Golden Key." The picture stars Pierre Fresnay and was directed by Leo Joannon.

Although produced with the full cooperation of the French Government authorities, it was later banned in France on the grounds that it interfered with the prosecution of the war.

French naval seaplanes, a destroyer, a luxury liner, and a tanker were provided by the Government. The Mediterranean, from the African coast of Toulon to the French coast of Toulon served as "location."

The film is spoken in three languages, French, English and German, and has superimposed dialogue titles in English.

# Red Square Spectacle

## Film Document Exposes Lies of The Kept Press

An amazing film document, co-featured with Ptushko's puppet-film "Golden-Key" at the Cameo, is blowing drafts of clean, fresh air through the fog of anti-Soviet press slander reaching new depths during the holiday season. Five exciting reels entitled "Marching Youth" are the record of physical and cultural achievements of the young people of the eleven member republics of the U. S. S. R.

Five camera crews covered last August's "physical culture demonstration in Moscow's Red Square" so completely that the spectator of the film gets more out of the giant pageant than those lucky ones in the square itself. A Red Square spectacle is like nothing else to be seen anywhere in the world. It is nothing like a Fifth Avenue parade, nothing like the Czech Sokol callathletic meets. It is a native Soviet art in itself. With the clock-like precision of a radio broadcast, the units march, perform, dance, present pageants in quick tempo all to a day long pattern carefully worked out to squeeze the last gasp of amazement from the watchers.

## From Every Part of USSR

Thousands of young athletes, boys and girls, came to Moscow from all corners of the Soviet Union. The sport clubs of the large cities and industrial centers of the Russian Socialist Federated Republic, the Ukrainian and Belorussian Republics vied with tawny youths from the slopes of the Tian Shan Mountains bordering on China. These Khirgiz lads and lassies had only fifteen years of modern culture. Prior to that time, the veil was severely imposed on the women and the men were unlettered and lethargically bound to the Mohammedan faith. But here they were, while still adhering to the best in their cultural tradition, matching grace and athletic prowess with the trained youngsters of Leningrad and Moscow.

Likewise with the athletes of Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tadzhikistan and Turkmenistan, rank after rank of husky, tanned boys and graceful charming girls. In the impressive pageants of these new people of once dark middle Asia there was little to choose against the exhibitions of mass symmetry and athletic achievement displayed by the sportsmen of the west.

## National Republics Well Represented

The contingents from the Caucasus were especially proud of their accomplishments. The Armenians performed a mass ballet based on the story of their national hero David Sassoun. The youth of Georgia, playing before their fellow-countrymen, Stalin, out-did themselves in a great Georgian dance, the participants in which covered the entire square. The youth of Azerbaijan danced and performed in symbol of their great oil industry. The thousands of young athletes of both sexes from the Legat and Spartak sport societies of Leningrad and Moscow give the lie to allegations that have been bruited about in connection with Finland that the masses of youth from which the Red Army soldiers come is not tough and strong. They'll stand comparison with any youth anywhere.

## Jascha Heifetz In First Recital Wednesday

Jascha Heifetz, the violinist, will give his first recital of the new year at the Brooklyn Academy of Music under the auspices of the Institute of Arts and Sciences, Wednesday evening, January 3rd, at 8:30 o'clock. This recital will inaugurate a heavy schedule of engagements which will take the eminent violinist to the west coast.

The program will open with a Bach Prelude as transcribed for the violin by Mr. Heifetz. It will be followed by the Brahms Sonata in G Major, the Bruch Concerto in G Minor, Dohnanyi's "Ruralia Hungarica" and two pieces by Tschalkowsky, a Valse and a Scherzo. Mr. Heifetz will be accompanied at the piano by Emanuel Bay.

Guy and Lois Maier will give a recital for two pianos at Town Hall Saturday afternoon, December 30. Five compositions will be given their first New York hearing on this occasion. Three of these are by Homer Simons: "Tango at Midnight," "Scherzino" and "Two Pieces from Alice in Wonderland." The others are "Waltz Time" by Ernst Bacon and "Waves at Play" by Grosse-Ringo.



Scene from Physical Culture Parade in Moscow

## The Season's Greetings From Our Radio Editor

By Eric Munk

"Please, Mr. Santa Claus"—Please, Mr. Santa have you a news commentator in your bag who will give us the news and not clutter up the airwaves with bias and slander? Too long now, we, poor radio listeners, have had to bear up with the worst type of exaggeration, falsification and

high pressure propaganda. Of course we can expect nothing else from hand-picked commentators and newscasters, but can't you find at least one who will respect the intelligence of the average radio listener. We have expressed our feelings through polls, write-in campaigns and what not toward the stuff handed out to us over the air by the capitalist censored news agencies, but our protests seem to go unheeded. Please take hand in this matter and do your best. While you're about handing out the good things of life, can't you deliver a letter from the Federal Communications Commission allowing WNYC to remain on the air throughout the day during the entire year? This policy of curtailing our Municipal Station's activities because the sun happens to set in a city some two thousand miles away has been carried on long enough.

A Few Season's Greetings. — To such swell programs as Arch Oboler's Plays and Columbia Workshop in the dramatic field, Fred Allen and Jack Benny and George and Gracie for their top-flight comedy, Michael Loring, Mordcaim Bauman and Richard Crooks for their excellent vocalings.

Greetings of the day to WNYC and WQXR for their excellence of radio fare. Finally, may we wish the best for the coming to all the radio stations and people who have been gracious enough to send us expressions of good cheer.

Program Notes.—Due to the unprecedented and, to quote the Columbia Broadcasting System, "vociferous" demand of the radio audience, Paul Robeson returns to the "Pursuit of Happiness" show on Sunday, Dec. 31 at 4:30 to do a repeat of the Johnny LaTouche—Earl Robinson "Ballad for Americans." Personally, we had hoped for along time that CBS would see fit to enclose this grand example of American music, for the performance of Robeson last month certainly deserved an encore. The Daily Worker published a story several weeks ago telling of the tremendous response by the listeners who urged the "Pursuit of Happiness" show to invite Mr. Robeson to repeat the ballad and we are glad to see that Columbia has acceded to the demand.

Rudolf Ganz, eminent pianist and composer has been chosen to conduct the Young People's Concerts of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra due to the sudden death of the beloved Ernst Schelling who had done a truly fine job in conducting the Children's Concerts. Because of the death of Dr. Schelling, the schedule of concerts has had to be rearranged. The Saturday morning programs will take place on January 20, Feb. 17, March 2, April 13, May 4. The supplementary concerts on Monday afternoons will be on Jan. 22, Feb. 29 and March 4.

Bernardino Molinari takes over the baton of the NBC Symphony Orchestra soon to be relinquished by Desire Defaux.

Work for improving the health of the population began in earnest with the coming of the Red Army. There is much work ahead of us. The working intelligentsia of Western Ukraine is joyously marching towards a new life, eager to devote all its strength and knowledge to the building of a bright future.

## Good Acting in 'Last Desire,' Mediocre Film

By David Platt

LAST DESIRE. Presented by Transatlantic Distributors. Adapted from a novel by Liam O'Flaherty. Directed by Jeff Musso. Featuring Raimu. At the New Belmont, 46th St.

The French Government recently banned for the duration of the war "Port of Shadows," "That They Shall Live," "Marceline" and 54 other films which they found inimical to the interests of imperialism.

"Last Desire" is not to be found in this distinguished company. It is an inconsequential film about a man who murders his mistress because she could not return his affection in the manner to which he is accustomed. This she could not do because she could not forget the memory of her lost lover somewhere in the wilds of Canada.

Directed by Jeff Musso and adapted from a minor novel by Liam O'Flaherty, "Last Desire" has none of the qualities of the other two films based on O'Flaherty's works, namely "The Puritan" and "The Informer." "The Puritan," which was also directed by Jeff Musso, was banned by the New York Board of Censors for what they called its "obscenity," but "Last Desire" which they passed is much more obscene and has numerous suggestive scenes that would never get by the Hays office. Some good psychiatrists ought to look into the minds of the New York censors.

The acting in "Last Desire," as in most French films, is excellent. Raimu, whose huge bulk of a body was last seen disporting itself in "Heart of Paris" is the man in the case and Jacqueline Delubac the woman. Both are excellent.

## Radio Theatre's Pinocchio on WABC at 9

Morning  
6:58-WNYC—Around New York Today with Hal Halpern  
7:00-WABC—Condensed News  
7:02-AP News  
7:03-WQXR—Composers Hour  
7:04-WNYC—Masterwork Hour  
7:05-WJZ—Breakfast Club  
7:06-WJZ—News About Women  
7:07-WJZ—Woman of Tomorrow  
7:08-WJZ—Tschalkowsky's "Watercolor"  
7:09-WJZ—UP News  
7:10-WNYC—News  
7:11-WNYC—Lennie Ross Song Recital  
7:12-WNYC—Julliard Music School Christmas Recital  
7:13-WNYC—"You and Your Health"  
7:14-WNYC—UP News  
7:15-WNYC—Midday Symphony  
7:16-WNYC—Foreign Correspondents Join Their Families Through Radio  
7:17-WNYC—David Low, News of Stage and Screen  
7:18-WJZ—UP News  
7:19-WJZ—Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace Send Season's Greetings  
7:20-WNYC—Radio News  
7:21-WNYC—"Microphone in the Sky"  
7:22-WABC—Condensed News  
7:23-WABC—Christmas in Alaska  
7:24-WNYC—Musical Comedy Memories  
7:25-WNYC—News  
7:26-WJZ—Tschalkowsky's "Watercolor"  
7:27-WNYC—UP News  
7:28-WNYC—Los Angeles Civic Chorus  
7:29-WNYC—Mozart Festival  
7:30-WNYC—UP News  
7:31-WNYC—"The Passing of the Third Floor Back"  
7:32-WNYC—UP News  
7:33-WNYC—"Vie and Sade"  
7:34-WNYC—UP News  
7:35-WNYC—Club Malinee, Edward Everett Horton, Guest  
7:36-WNYC—Radio News  
7:37-WNYC—Christmas Party  
7:38-WNYC—Four Sisters at 4:00  
7:39-WNYC—"Men Behaving Badly"  
7:40-WNYC—Christmas Concert  
7:41-WNYC—Boys' Club Christmas Chorus  
7:42-WNYC—WNYC—Dance Music  
7:43-WNYC—"It Happened in Hollywood"  
7:44-WNYC—Old English Airs  
7:45-WNYC—UP News  
7:46-WNYC—UP News  
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8:00-WNYC—UP News

For many years our peasants suffered from hunger. A handful of magnates of former Poland had seized the best lands keeping the Ukrainian peasantry on hunger rations. At present our peasantry has, in the main, completed the division of the lands that had belonged to the landlords, monasteries and important government officials. It is the task of the National Assembly to confirm this division, to hand over the land to its true owner—the people.

In the past I often had occasion to travel through the rural areas. I saw terrible destitution and hunger. I was a witness of the monstrously unjust attitude of the authorities toward Ukrainian peasants. The people were dying of privation and want. I saw with my own eyes how peasants would split a match in four parts as they had no money with which to buy the matches they needed. Reduced to the condition of primitive man, the peasants employed flint to strike a fire. I came across places where peasants had not had meat for years.

The slightest manifestation of protest against their bitter lot brought on cruel "pacification." Uhlans and guards would arrive and beat the peasants to the point of insensibility. To escape from the torturers, the peasants would hide in the forests.

All this has now disappeared forever. As a physician, I would like to say a few words, about my profession. The hard economic conditions of our peasantry caused enormous sickness and mortality among them. The death rate was particularly high among the children. We knew of districts where between 60 and 70 per cent of those who died were children. That is why the increase of population in Western Ukraine was much lower than in other regions.

## Christmas Spirit

By WALTER LOWENFELS

Jesus was a mighty man,  
His hands were strong and tough.  
He said to the working people:  
"Brothers, you've had enough!"

Chase out those money lenders!  
Make the temple clean!  
Plenty of things for everybody  
If you don't act mean."

They started in to do it, too.  
They scared the bosses stiff.  
Bosses hired a stooge, Judas,  
and called in their big sher-iff:

"Round up that gang of workers;  
they're disturbing the peace!"  
And Judas, the stooge, gave  
Jesus to the police.

They charged poor Jesus  
With inciting to riot,  
and strung him on a gibbet  
to keep the people quiet.

But the people wouldn't take it.  
They kept on shouting:  
"Give us better wages,"  
and their anger kept mounting.

The bosses had a confab  
about what to do.  
"Give 'em back Jesus,"  
said one old screw.

So they dressed up a mummy  
to look like Jesus,  
and called in a preacher  
from the town of Ephesus:

"Folks be calm.  
Here's the body of your leader.  
He's kind of speechless.  
He asked me to be his speaker."

Then that Father Coughlin preacher  
said: "Folks, be calm.  
Work hard now for nothing.  
In heaven there is balm."

They didn't quite believe it  
but while they were wondering  
the bosses paid some goons  
to stop the people grumbling.

Some goons used machine guns;  
some bosses used prayers;  
some workers mentioned wages  
and they got their!

And so it goes on  
yesterday and today—  
fighting as Jesus fought,  
not the mummy way.

With the struggles of the people,  
Chicago to Japan,  
through picket and battle lines  
toward the brotherhood of man.

## WOODEN DOLL



Child actors alternate with Ptushko's puppets in the miracle-laden movie, "The Golden Key," by Alexei Tolstoy. Ptushko also directed "The New Gulliver."

PIANO RECITAL JAN. 12

Creighton Allen, pianist, will give a recital in Town Hall on Friday evening, January 12, presenting the four piano sonatas of Edward MacDowell.

MOTION PICTURES

ACADEMY OF MUSIC  
Today, Thursday  
TYRON POWER & LINDA DARNELL  
"DAX-TIME WIFE"  
Plus: LAUREL and HARDY in  
"THE FLYING DUCKS"

MOTION PICTURES

THIS WEEK ONLY! Ambino presents  
A New Brilliant Puppet Satire!  
by the creator of "THE NEW GULLIVER"  
ALEXANDER PTUSHKO'S  
The GOLDEN KEY  
Also: "Marching Youth" at the huge Physical Culture Celebration in Red Square  
CAMEO-42nd St. From 3:30 to 11:00 Today

THE STAGE

Opens FRI., Dec. 29 at 8:10  
ARTEF PLAYERS in  
BENNO SCHNEIDER's production of  
URIEL ACOSTA  
—COMPLETE ENGLISH SYNOPSIS—  
MERCURY THEATRE, 198 W. 41st St.  
Seats 50c to \$1.50. LO 5-6941

TALLULAH BANKHEAD in  
THE LITTLE FOXES  
LILLIAN HELLMAN's Dramatic Triumph  
NATIONAL THEATRE, W. 41 St. FR. 6-3228  
Eve. 8:00, 8:30 to 11:30. Mat. Wed. & Sat. 2:00  
Extra Holiday Mat.  
NEW YEAR'S DAY



On  
The Score  
Board

30's Get Duke  
Over  
Roaring 20's

By Lester Rodney

It's review of the year and general nostalgia time along the sports front. But being as how the year 1939 is coming to a close, suppose we make this little effort a brief review of a decade instead of year. The thirties are still too close to have taken on the romantic glow of the much glorified Roaring Twenties, but if I had to pick one of them for an argument as to which produced the greatest athletes and greatest teams, I'd take the thirties. In fact I will, and right now.

The 20's had its Jack Dempsey. The 30's has its Joe Louis. The 20's had its Babe Ruth. The 30's has its Joe DiMaggio. The 20's had its Bill Tilden. The 30's gave us Don Budge. The 20's had Paavo Nurmi and Charley Paddock. The 30's produced Glenn Cunningham and Jesse Owens. The 20's had the Yankees of '27. The 30's bore the Yankees of '37, '38, '39.

Of course, any outright comparison between men and teams that never met is no more than opinion, but without opinion sports writing would be a pretty dull business.

So I think Joe Louis of the depression 30's is a far greater heavyweight than Jack Dempsey of the Roaring 20's and for that matter any other heavyweight of any other set of years. Which incidentally, is an opinion pretty generally shared by sports writers the country over. Winning the championship at the age of 22 after losing but one fight, Louis broke all precedent by defending it successfully more than ten times in two years and among the ten was a quick and decisive reversal of that lone loss to Max Schmeling. Great fighter that Dempsey was, he never attained anything like the deadly perfection of Louis, either in the record books or inside the ropes, and those who saw Jack in his prime are now almost unanimously of the opinion that the Louis of today would have knocked out the Dempsey of the Willard-Carpenter-Firpo days. But watta fight it would have been!

Babe Ruth is the one colossal figure of the 20's who stands up unchallenged by the 30's. The finest baseball player the almost late lamented decade has produced is Joe DiMaggio, a wonderful young star who does everything naturally and right, and whose full development as possibly the greatest of all times lies with the 40's. But the rollicking, tubby, pigeon-toed socker from out of a Baltimore orphanage who blasted the game out of its previous groove with the excitement of his home runs, and who was a great outfielder as well, must take precedence over DiMaggio or anyone else produced by the 30's.

When you come to Bill Tilden and Don Budge you come to a standstill. Great as was Bill, the Los Angeles redhead is now as overwhelmingly superior to all competition on the courts as was the temperamental one in his, and who is to say what might have happened had they crossed rackets at their respective bests?

The 30's produced no such enduring football name as the Red Grange of the 20's. Slinging Sammy Baugh at his peak was probably the closest the 30's came to him, and at his amazing, passing best, Sammy never was the sure fire wonder performer of the Illinois ghost who romped through every defense of his day. And, it should be added, defenses of that day were not opened as invitingly to runners by the threat of the pass weapon developed fully only in the 30's.

The 20's take one cleanly in Suzanne Lenglen and Helen Willis, who have yet to be matched by any later lady of the nets. But even there Alice Marble will bear a lot of watching in the next year.

It's no contest in track and field. Nurmi and Paddock, the distance and sprint ace of the earlier period, would have eaten the dust of Glenn Cunningham and Jesse Owens ten times out of ten times out. There was no little fighter in the 20's to compare to the Henry Armstrong who ripped all fistic tradition to shreds by winning 47 consecutive fights and three simultaneous championships. No one even close.

There was no college basketball team in the 20's that could have given last year's Long Island University outfit a beating, and none but the most deadly of diehards will any longer argue that there was a basketball team of the caliber of the present Yankees.

So there. It's all rather sketchy and opinionated, and about all it will prove is that there are a lot of readers who think the 20's had it all over the 30's, and will say so. But right now I'm holding down this space, not you, so I give you the Thirties and its athletes, greater than the Roaring Twenties of song and fame. Or the 10's, if you want another argument.

# SPORTS DAILY WORKER SPORTS

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## NBA Ranks Inconsistent Fighters

Galento, Zivic, Day and  
Scalzo Are First  
Contenders

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 24 (UP).—The rating committee of the National Basketball Association today deplored the inconsistency of the current crop of boxers in announcing its quarterly ranking of champions and leading contenders in eight weight divisions.

Two-Ton Tony Galento, continued to rank as the leading contender for world heavyweight champion Joe Louis' crown.

"Boxers on the whole have been very inconsistent," announced Fred Saddy, committee chairman. "After making a few good fights, they follow up with bouts in which they are decided favorites and they are expected to win, but seem to fall down. For example, the fight of Lou Nova against Tony Galento and Pat Comiskey against Steve Dudas."

Current rankings follow:  
**HEAVYWEIGHT**—Champion Joe Louis, Michigan; No. 1 contender, Tony Galento, New Jersey; 2. Bob Pastor, New York; 3. Lou Nova, California; 4. Tommy Farr, Wales, England; 5. Max Baer, California; 6. Red Burman, Maryland; 7. Johnny Paycheck, Iowa; 8. Roscoe Toles, Michigan; 9. Willie Reddish, Pennsylvania; 10. Lee Savold, Minnesota.

**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS**—Champion Billy Conn, Pennsylvania; 1. Gus Lesnevich, New Jersey; 2. Mello Bettina, New York; 3. Ron Richards, Australia.

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**—Champion Al Hostok, Washington; 1. Cefterio Garcia, Philippines; 2. Ken Overlin, Illinois; 3. Fred Apostoli, California.

**WELTERWEIGHTS**—Champion Henry Armstrong, California; 1. Fritz Zivic, Pennsylvania; 2. Charley Burley, Pennsylvania; 3. Pedro Montanes, Puerto Rico.

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**—Champion Lou Ambers, New York; 1. Davy Day, Illinois; 2. Sammy Angott, Kentucky; 3. Pete Lello, Indiana.

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**—Champion Joey Archibald, Rhode Island; 1. Pete Scalzo, New York; 2. Harry Jeffra, Maryland; 3. Simon Chavez, Venezuela. 4. Sixto Escobar, Puerto Rico, was one of nine given honorable mention.

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**—Champion George Pace, Ohio; 1. K. O. Morgan, Michigan; 2. Tony Olivera, California; 3. Lou Salica, New York.

**FLYWEIGHTS**—Champion Little Dado, Philippines; 1. Enrico Urbanini, Italy; 2. Little Pancho, Philippines; 3. Small Montana, Philippines.

**Riggs, Marble Head  
USLTA Ratings**

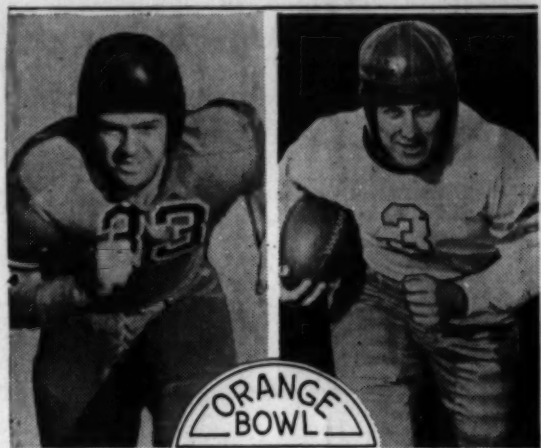
Bobby Riggs of Chicago and Alice Marble of Palm Springs, Calif., again headed the rankings of the United States Lawn Tennis Association for 1939 but the rapid rise of the younger generation in both men's and women's divisions pre-figures a tennis revolution in 1940.

Although Riggs held the No. 1 spot in the men's division the first ten rankings shows a tremendous shakeup with five newcomers, Don McNeill, Oklahoma City, No. 2; Welby Van Horn, Los Angeles, No. 3; Wayne Sabin, Portland, No. 4; Gardner Mulloy, Coral Gables, Fla. No. 5; and Henry Prusoff, Seattle, No. 10.

In the women's division the outstanding newcomer is Helen Bernhardt, chunky New York star, who was ranked No. 4 behind the three tried and true veterans, Alice Marble, Helen Jacobs and Mrs. Sarah Palfrey Fabyan, ranked one-two-three in that order. Miss Bernhardt, barely out of the junior ranks, apparently has the stroke equipment to make a bid for championship laurels next season.

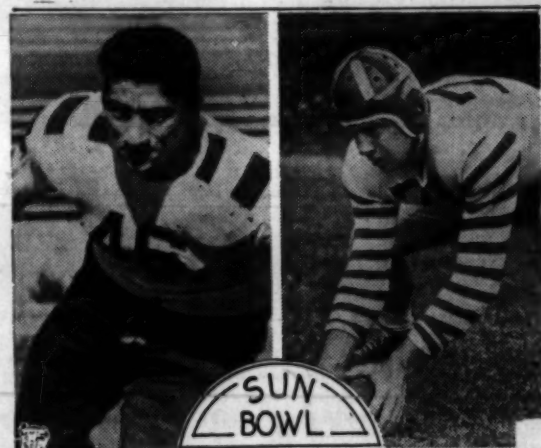
In the men's doubles Don McNeill and Frankie Parker were rated

## Figures In New Year Games



Jim Starnes  
Missouri back

Billy Gibson  
Georgia Tech back



Al Samersino  
Arizona State guard

Pete Olsinski  
Catholic U. center

Sam Bartholomew  
Tennessee back

## LIU's Number Up at Last Tomorrow Night, Says L. R.

Loaded USC '5' Too Good for Young  
Blackbirds Right Now, Sez He, Also  
Colliding with Kurman on  
Manhattan-Texas Tiff

Sorry folks, but we see the number of that Long Island University basketball team up tomorrow night after an overlapping win streak of 42. It's the University of Southern California team that we like to do the trick to this Brooklyn team which is potentially great but ripe for one licking at least before going on.

## USC Again to Bank on Passes

Rose Bowl Game Pre-  
sents Same Set-Ups  
as Last Years'

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 23 (UP).—Southern California's Trojans entered their final week of workouts today for the Rose Bowl game with Tennessee on Jan. 1, hoping for a carbon copy of the passes that gave them a hair-raising victory over Duke in the Rose Bowl last New Year's.

The set-up is almost identical to last year because an undefeated, unscathed Southern team carries the banner of the East while USC returns to represent the West and again with a non-too-perfect record.

Howard Jones, ending his fifteenth year as Troy's head coach, is highly aware of the situation and he's doing something about it.

For the past week the Trojans in light signal scrimmages have thrown more passes than they have all season. Since USC's fortunes before have risen or fallen mainly on the ground, the sudden concentration on aerial fireworks produced considerable ripple of surprise.

Whether Jones and his board of strategy are planning a wholesale barrage of passes throughout the game or merely sharpening up a department that usually gathers dust at USC, no one can be sure, but this is certain: the Trojans will have on tap against the Vols one of the most potent aerial attacks of their long Rose Bowl history.

Quarterback Doyle Nave and Al Kreuger, the pair that clicked for the long pass that defeated Duke 7-3 in the final second of the last Rose Bowl game. Grenny Lansdell, Troy's first string quarterback, has added passing to his repertoire so now he carries a large part of the aerial burdens. His tosses are hard and fast, but lack the finesse of Nave's throws, or the accuracy of Amby Schindler's.

## Worst Defeat in CCNY History!

CCNY's superb basketball team absorbed the worst defeat in its history when it was beaten by a Nat Holman team has ever been given on the home floor Saturday night when a fast breaking Marshall of West Virginia team ran it ragged to win 60-26. No one could hit the target consistently for the demoralized Beavers, while Morlock of Marshall set a new floor record with 28 points. The visitors took advantage of City's weakness on set shots by using a zone defense that kept them from working under. It was murder. There'll have to be a quick upturn for Santa Clara to prevent another rout next week.

Other Saturday night results found Stanford romping over a weak Rutgers team 71-34 at New Brunswick, Purdue stopping the travelling Oregonians 41-35 and Minnesota's fine team shelling Nebraska 61-37.

To round out our disagreement with yesterday's Sunday Worker predictions by Mr. Kurman on the opening twin bill of the "Week of Champions" courtfest, we also like Manhattan to take Texas over the jumps in the opener. (Get your buck on the line, Stan!)

If ever a team was loaded for another one it's this USC outfit that has blazed an unbeaten trail across the country en-route to the Garden. Last winter they came in with a similar record and ideas of pushing over the fouled LIU team as they had done Temple and the rest. And the Brooklyn bunch got hot right off the bat and almost ran them off the court as they never got started. But this is another year. All the USC men who were caught off guard are back, while the first five regulars who took

"Most interesting basketball page in town," say coaches and players.

LIU through to a national title are gone. Coach Sam Barry and his boys have been pecking for this game, and the amazing defeat they plastered on Notre Dame at South Bend the other night shows they must be near that peak. The Trojans come in with an all sophomore group as a second team that never tasted defeat as freshmen, and will have it all over LIU in reserve strength.

The last time an LIU team ran up a streak like this, 43, a Stanford team headed by the great Hank Luisetti broke their streak. The current Bee edition has run last year's unbeaten streak to 42, and they bump into another West Coast team with a great scoring ace in Ralph Vaughan, left-handed ace (from Indiana, ah!) who broke Luisetti's one game mark on the Coast last year by popping in 30 points against UCLA. LIU just squeaked through Oregon, which isn't as good as USC, and it's a young team carrying an unfair mental load in that inherited winning streak. So we like USC. But it'll be a ball game with King, Lobbello and Schectman pitching! And of course there's always...

Manhattan is an underrated team which has won four and lost one, that one with center John Flanagan out. Flanagan is good, so is little Kravetz, and Soeker Jim Sarullo is positively sensational. Too much for a Texas outfit, even a championship Texas outfit like the one it's playing.

But don't bet on either. Leave that to me and Kurman. . . L.

## GET INTO THE CONTEST!

Who was the outstanding athlete of 1939? Your opinion in 200 words addressed to Sports Contest Editor may win you one of five prizes, and it'll see print anyhow.

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